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Former Shanghai Man Now In German Prison Camp

His many friends in Hongkong and Shanghai will be glad to learn that a card has been received from Sergeant Jack Sheridan of the A.I.F. indicating that he is alive and well, although in a prison camp in Germany.

Sheridan is a member of a well-known Irish family at Shanghai and was wounded at Bardia in the early stages of the fighting in the Near East. Thereafter he took part in the Greco campaign and nothing had been heard from him since April last.

He writes that the Australian troops in the German prison camps are doing well, but are in need of sweaters, socks and tobacco and also hard chocolate, as a supplement to their diet. This information may serve as a guide to any who intend sending parcels to the prisoner-of-war camps.

NEW DUTIES ON MEDICINES

Become Effective To-day

An order has been issued extending the present duties on "toilet preparations" to a combined duty on "proprietary medicines" and "toilet preparations" according to an order issued under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance and which comes

into force at 2 p.m. to-day.

Details of the order are published in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary" containing the authorisation of H.E. The Governor, Sir Mark Young.

Duty must be paid on all stocks in the Colony in either bonded storage. Dealers, importers, manufacturers and retailers must declare their stocks of proprietary medicines to Mr E. W. Hamilton, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, as soon as possible, and pay duty on the stocks.

Stocks in bonded storage or in the hands of manufacturers will be subject to the provisions of dutiable commodities Ordinance.

The sale of proprietary medicines on which duty has not been paid is illegal as from 2 p.m. to-day.

Duty Paid Labels

Duty on proprietary medicines will be paid by means of duty-paid labels following the procedure adopted for toilet preparations. For the convenience of holders of stocks of proprietary medicines and the issue of duty-paid labels the Imports & Exports Office will be open till 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 20 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday September 21.

For the purposes of the order, proprietary medicines means any medicine or prophylactic held by or advertisement, label or otherwise in writing as efficacious for the prevention, cure or relief of any malady affecting human beings, and—

(a) which is sold under a trade name or mark to the use of which any person has or claims to have an exclusive right;

(b) which any person has or claims to have exclusive rights of manufacture, or for the making of which any person has or claims to have any secret.

Toilet Preparations

Toilet preparations means any substance commonly used for the toilet and includes toilet soap, shaving soap and cream, toothpaste or powder and liquid preparations for dental purposes or mouth washes, perfume sprays, toilet pastes or powder, toilet

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Radio Reception Black-out

Owing to a radio reception "black-out" the normal news agency services into Hongkong have been seriously disrupted this morning, and until atmospheric conditions improve, it is practically impossible to receive wireless messages into Hongkong. It is expected that there will be an improvement in reception during the morning.

New Shah Will Restore Father's Wealth To Iran

TEHERAN, Sept. 18 (Reuter)—The new Shah has decided to restore to the nation his father's property which includes much wealth, according to newspaper reports published to-day.

The reports add that the new Shah conveyed this decision to his Ministers immediately after taking the oath.

Anglo-Soviet Troops

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter)—Following a conference of Anglo-Russian commanders, British and Russian staff officers have entered Teheran to arrange for fighting.

BORDER FIGHTING REVEALED

Japanese And Soviets In Recent Incidents

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18 (UP).—The closure of the Manchukuo-North China border and the Japanese forbidding foreigners to travel to and from Manchukuo has put the seal of silence around the tremendous Japanese movements there.

There is increasing belief in Shanghai diplomatic quarters that the Japanese and Russians are engaged in an undercover diplomatic struggle that approaches in intensity to the Japanese-United States "war of nerves" although neither Tokyo nor Moscow acknowledges the existence of such a struggle.

With increasing Japanese supervision of communications, the news from the north will be increasingly scarce aside from the official reports from neutral countries possessing contacts in these areas.

Traveller's Story

A foreign traveller just arriving from Manchukuo told the United Press that fighting on a "considerable scale" took place on the Manchukuo-Siberian border. He said numerous wounded soldiers were arriving at Harbin, indicating that most of the fighting took place around Nomonhan, while reports also were heard of fighting on the Amur river front.

The Japanese have officially admitted that such clashes took place but the Soviets have denied the reports. Most observers interpreted this to mean that the Russians were attempting to present amicable Soviet-Japanese relations to the world at a time when the Russo-German war was approaching one of the crucial points.

Big Military Movements

The traveller said there were tremendous military movements throughout Manchukuo and on the day he left Dairen 10,000 troops passed through the city en route to the north, while for several previous days heavy railroads and quantities of tanks and other military supplies were constantly moving in and out.

He said blinds on train compartments were pulled down day and night while travelling in order to prevent travellers from observing troop movements. He said it was virtually impossible to obtain transportation due to the Japanese army requisitioning most of the railroads.

At stations passengers were forced to carry their own luggage and armed sentries hurried them up and instructed them not to look behind.

The Japanese were reported to be holding air raid drills and taking other precautionary measures throughout Manchukuo. Blackouts have been held in the major cities and the Japanese were said to have been able to train the natives to cooperate closely.

New Fortifications

The traveller said the Japanese had collected "coolies" in large numbers to assist in the building of fortifications for fighting.

PRES. ROOSEVELT ASKS FOR FURTHER LEND & LEASE APPROPRIATIONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP).—President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress to-day requesting that \$5,985,000,000 be appropriated for the purpose of continuing Lend and Lease aid to the nations battling against the Axis through June 1943. He also requested permission to allocate Lend and Lease materials to any nation whose defence is considered vital to United States freedom; hence, he would be enabled to assist Russia.

The President sent an analysis of the proposed expenditures to Mr Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, as follows:

Ordnance and stores etc., including armour and munition, \$100,000,000; aircraft plus aeronautical materials, \$60,000,000; tanks and armoured cars, automobiles and trucks, \$305,000,000; miscellaneous military equipment, \$155,000,000; facilities and equipment with which to produce defence materials including acquisition of land, \$375,000,000; agricultural, industrial and other commodities, \$1,875,000,000; repairing and reconditioning defence materials for foreign countries, \$175,000,000; necessary services and expenses essential for the effectuation of the original Lend and Lease Act, \$285,000,000, including administrative expenses.

The President said that \$6,280,000,000 of the original seven billion dollar Lend and Lease Bill was "now moving through the successive stages of allocation, obligation, production and delivery. Additional funds are now needed so that there will be no interruption to the flow of aid to those countries whose defence is vital to our own."

15 Women Back From Australia Govt Officials Plead Ignorance

Fifteen European women arrived in Hongkong this week from Australia and have landed here.

It cannot be ascertained from any of the authorities whether they are returned evacuees, but it is believed they carried transit visas which permits them to land and remain in the colony for seven days.

Usually, too, this means that British people enjoying this right to land, can remain in Hongkong indefinitely.

"Delicate Matter"

The "Telegraph" made persistent efforts yesterday afternoon to secure information from the recognised authorities, but they pleaded ignorance. One official declared: "It is a delicate matter, and no information can be given."

In reply to repeated protests by the Husbands' Representation Committee, the info. Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, made a public statement to the effect that except in very special cases instructions had been issued that no evacuees in Australia were to be granted transit visas for entry into Hongkong.

"Munition factories at Ligata, Sicily, were raided in daylight yesterday by bombers of the R.A.F. Two sheds in the north factory were hit, one exploding, and the other collapsing. Large buildings in the south factory were demolished and one big shed was repeatedly hit. Clouds of smoke were visible many miles from the target."

"In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy positions northeast of Azzo, some bombs bursting among trenches and buildings."

"From all these operations none of our aircraft is missing."

Raid On Cairo

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—It is stated here that in the raid on Cairo during the night of September 16-17, bombs were dropped in the Abbassia area, which is a suburb, and ten miles outside the city.

At Abbassia, there are barracks and an aerodrome quite near. The city itself was not bombed.

His body has been brought to

Bucharest.

In fact, the number of Americans in Free China is believed to be slightly increasing as missionaries are arriving from occupied areas while an increasing number of American technicians and advisers and Americans of other categories are coming to assist China's war effort.

Exact Figures Unknown

The exact number of Americans residing in Free China is unknown, but as of January 1 this year, there were 840 Americans registered as residing in the Kunming consular district, which embraces most of Free China.

Of this number, 620 were adults. Approximately 520 were missionaries, 20 were employees of the United States government, 20 were employees of various Chinese government organisations, 12 were Americans and 102 were newspapermen. The total does not include the

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Soviet Tanks In Action

Feature of the Nazi-Russian war has been the brilliant performances of the Soviet tank units. They have been largely responsible for the failure of the Nazi blitzkrieg. This picture just received from Moscow shows an "army" of tanks going forward into battle positions.

ACTIVE DAY FOR THE RAF

Willkie Pleads For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (UP).—In a speech here to-day before 400 business men at the United China Relief Fund luncheon, Mr Wendell Willkie urged them to contribute generously. He described the shipment of war materials to Japan as a grave error.

He asserted that he was thankful for Chinese loyalty to the United States in the face of such shipments.

He also declared that a strong demonstration of sympathy for China, such as the over-subscription of funds past the five million dollar goal, would show Japan that China is still able to stand up.

The agency claims that despite this, new territorial gains have been made by the German forces in which a large number of Russians were captured.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

New Nazi Drive On Leningrad

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Berlin reports state that the German Commander, General Ritter von Leeb, is making a desperate new effort to smash his way into Leningrad. Day and night fighting is raging and it is admitted that the Russian troops are striking back.

The official news agency to-day speaks of "obstinate Soviet resistance with constant counter-attacks in which heavy tanks are being used."

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CHINA DELEGATES AT LABOUR CONFERENCE

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Central News).—Mr Kuan-wei Shaw, General Secretary of the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations, and Mr Chu Hsueh-ien, President of the Chinese Labour Association, are leaving Chungking for America on September 20 to attend the ten-day International Labour Conference scheduled to open in New York on October 27 as representative of Chinese employers and workers respectively.

The other delegate, Mr Li Ping-heng, representing the Government, is proceeding to America from Geneva where he is now.

In an interview with the press, Mr Shaw declared that he will include in his report to the International Labour Conference rapid progress made in various fields of economic reconstruction in Free China, particularly in the Southeast and Northwest.

WELLINGTON KOO MAKES A PLEA

Far Eastern Peace

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo, pleaded at a luncheon in London to-day that the Far Eastern situation should not be overlooked in formulating any permanent peace plan.

"There is laid on the European aspect of the general problem, but I am a little uneasy at this concentration of interest on the preservation of peace in Europe," he said.

"The terrible cataclysm in the past ten years in the Far East, where failure to check violence and disorder against peace-loving China undoubtedly encouraged the aggression of Europe," he said.

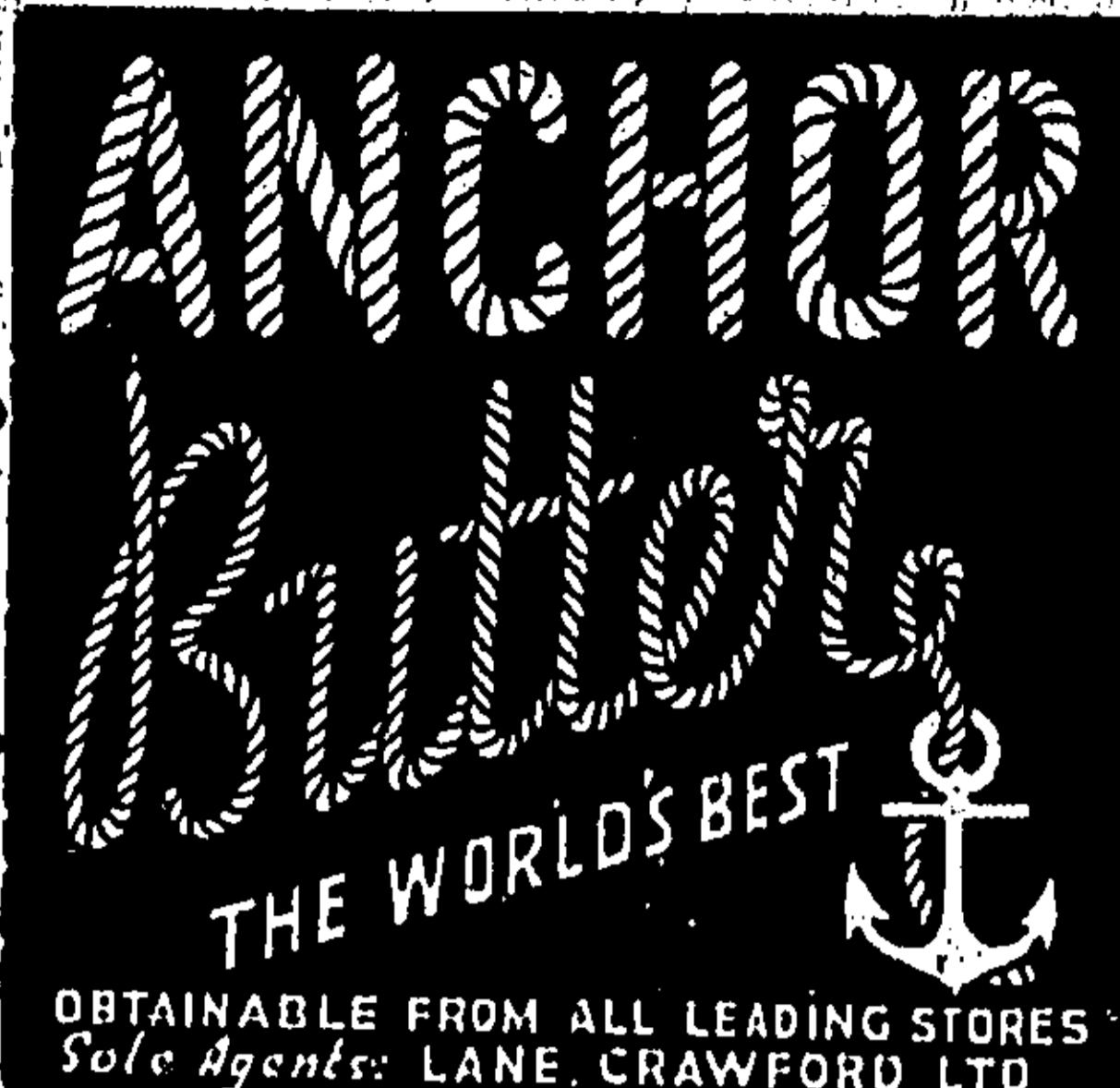
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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Second Hand High!

"Sufficient evidence has been given in this column, I think, to prove that the so-called rule of 'Second-hand-low' is fallacious. Just in case more testimony is needed, I offer the following example:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♦ A J 9 6 3
♦ Q 8 4
♦ Q 7
♦ A K 6 5
♦ A K 5 2
♦ Q Q 10 9
♦ A K 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 N T Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass

On that correct analysis East based his play of the diamond lead. When it held he promptly shifted back to trumps, and from that point declarer had to struggle against insuperable odds. He could ruff one diamond in dummy, but this left him with two losers in the suit, and when the club finesse lost and a heart trick had to be conceded, it was all over.

Tomorrow's Hand
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♦ A K 8 4
♦ Q 10 0 2
♦ A K Q J 10 9
♦ Q 7 6 3
♦ A K Q 5

How should this hand be played at a six spade contract? Opening lead,



ERROL FLYNN'S SISTER WEDS

Miss Rosamary Flynn, sister of film star Errol Flynn, after her wedding in Malone, Belfast, to Mr. J. H. S. Elliott.

Remember Gloria Swanson?

THOSE who remember Gloria Swanson at the zenith of her career, when her success in France was front page news, would be amazed on meeting her to-day, for she doesn't look a day over 28, although she is the mother of three children, one of them Gloria, 20 years old.

Gloria Swanson has the same trim figure, twinkling legs, gorgeous blue eyes, pert profile, blonde hair with just a faint touch of gray under the temples, and a smooth, flawless complexion. The actress has not aged at all, probably because she has refused to. This is entirely significant of her character.

Of all people, she strikes you as the most self-made person you ever came across. The daughter of an army officer, she became one of the biggest names in pictures, was the sensation of France and is now coming back to the screen in "Father Takes a Wife."

"I just wanted to go back and do one more picture," she said, "my last was so bad. This part is just right for me."

Her New York City apartment on Fifth Avenue is the kind of a place where a little table in front of the sofa holds, in neat array, ten very expensive ash trays, and two very simple but expensive cigarette boxes. The place is huge and probably swarms with butlers and fifth assistant dish dryers. But Miss Swanson, quite correctly, feels it's all hers and she made it all herself. Right now she is in big business, developing patients. She has a new cutting metal that is making loads of money. She has put a new plastic on the market and a new type of dictating machine.

Like all successful people, she is ready and eager to give a formula for a better world.

"When I was a little child in school, I had the idea of an aristocracy of achievement, where people who built up the nation, who created would not only be richly rewarded with material things but even with honours and titles. Where we could not inherit what others had made and amassed, but where we would have to strive toward a goal of achievement."

TALBOT LAKE

THE PRICE OF WASTE

NOT all soldiers are good soldiers, and there are times when even a good soldier fails to think of what he is doing.

The Lad from the Elephant and Castle was sitting on his bed, busily scraping at his second-best trousers with a bathbrick.

From time to time he looked furtively about him.

Somebody asked him what he thought he was playing at, and the Lad replied:

"I put me old suit in for exchange. It looks a disgrace. We wasn't issued canvases when first we come. I done cal-fatigues and dust-ole fatigues in this suit."

"So I puts it in for exchange, and the R.Q.M.S. sends it back and says there's years of wear in it yet."

"So I'm just rubbing through some o' the threadbare parts. Then, maybe, I'll see reason."

A HUGE hand falls on his wrist; another takes the bathbrick from his fingers. The Lad is in the iron grip of the giant Poacher, who looks down at him with choleric blue eyes.

"Ah don't care about R.Q.M.S.," says the Poacher. "Nay, nor nothing. But I'll not stand by and see thee do that."

"You mind your own," says the Lad.

The Poacher smooths him out flat, like a sheet of brown paper, and calmly sits on him as he says:

"Ah wouldn't 'urt thee, lad. But that gets my back up, like; you waste of wool. Listen. Ah lived once on a time wi' old shepherd as we called Keyed, because he 'ad an off-balance way o' walking, like."

"Old Keyed 'ad a collie bitch called Nellie. One dirty day there was a sheep lost, and Nell, though she was near 'er time for pups, went out to find sheep."

"She kem back a long time later, wi' t' silly great sheep."

She'd found her seven miles away on 'er back among some rocks.

"Poor Nell was thin and ill. She was dead tired and real bad. But she didn't rest for so much as a sip o' water."

"She was gone two hours. Then she kem back. She was 'oldin' a new-born pup in 'er teeth.

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A further episode in the PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE the diary of a journalist now in the Army



TO FIGHT REDS—Volunteers of the Blue Division of Spain, who are anti-Communists, bid farewell to relatives in Madrid before leaving to fight with the Germans against the Russians on the Eastern Front.

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12:15 Short Service of Intercession.

12:30 Maurico-Winnick-and-His Orchestra.

1:00 Local Time Signal and Program Summary.

1:02 Some Welsh Songs.

1:15 Listz-Hungarian Fantasia For Piano and Orchestra.

Jacques Dupont (Piano) and the Orchestre Symphonique of Paris conducted by F. Ruhmann.

1:30 Reuters and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1:45 Elisabeth Welch in Variety.

2:15 Close Down.

8:00 Indian Programme.

8:45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8:47 Light Orchestral Recital.

7:05 Delius—Sea Drift.

John Brownlee (Baritone), London Select Choir and The London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7:30 Portuguese Programme.

8:00 London Relay—The News.

8:15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8:25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8:30 Programme Summary.

8:32 Request Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—My Sister And I... Leo Reisman and His Orchestra; Waltz—Kisses In The Dark... Alex Moore

recreates Mantovani's Orchestra for Dancing; Quick-Step—The Chestnut Tree... Jack Hilton and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Never Smile Again... Victor Silvester and His Orchestra; Samba—I, YI, YI, YI VI (I Like You Very Much).

(From film "That Night in Rio")... Millie Korjus with Orchestra; Waltz—Blue Danube (Johann Strauss).

The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

10:00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10:15 Compositions of Sibelius.

11:00 London—Makers of History.

11:15 Close Down.

HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

THE SOCIETY ASKS FOR \$32,000

In 1941 to meet the increasing needs of sick and disabled children against which the income to date is \$23,000 only.

In order to continue its work, the Society appeals for the balance of \$9,000

before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

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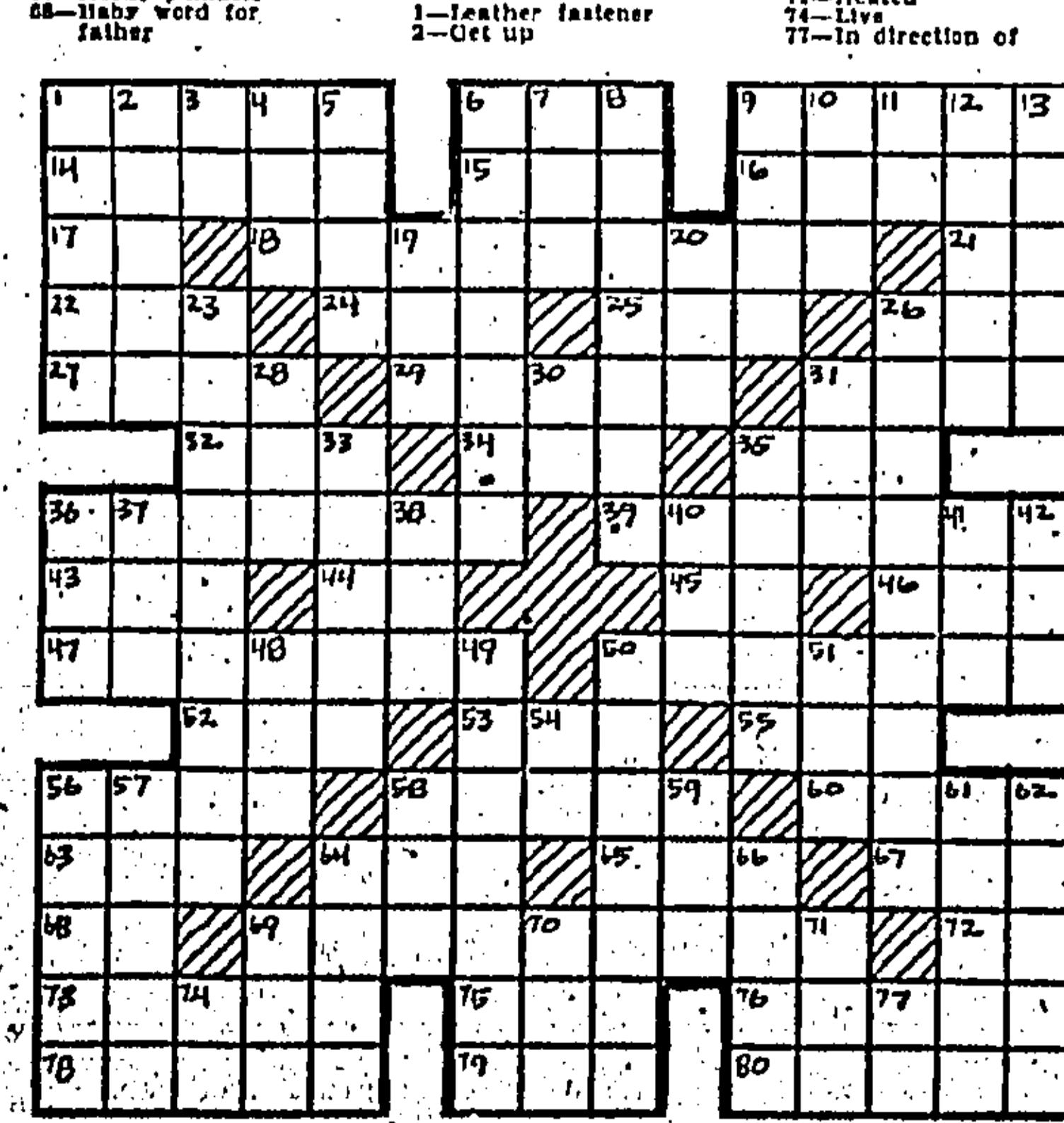
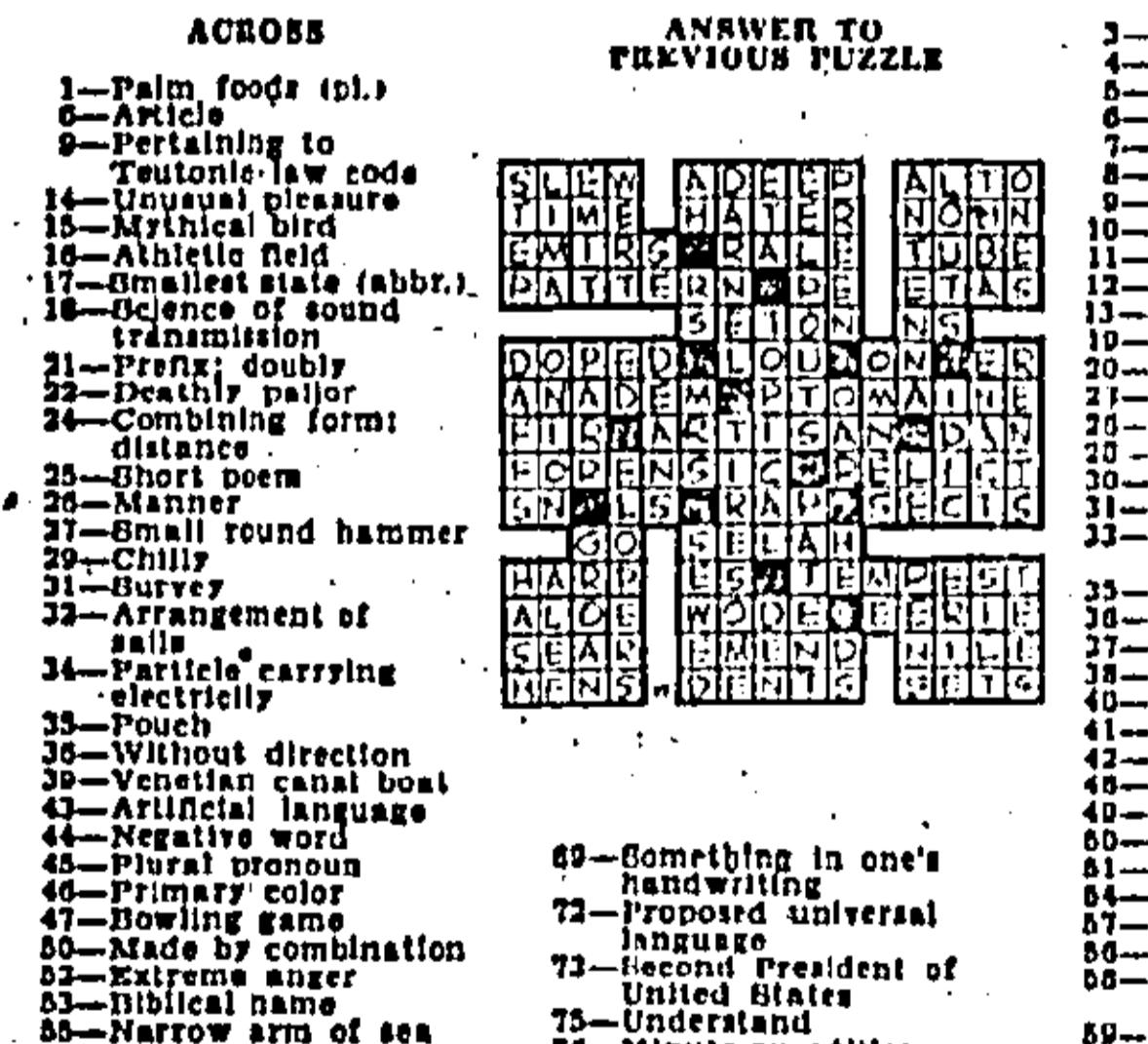


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COLONY'S ECONOMIC WAR EFFORT

HONGKONG is making an economic war effort, but what it is—outside of paying war taxation and bearing the burden of evacuation—one can only guess and hope. Quite reasonably, those who are in control of this effort declare that it would be contrary to its interest and effectiveness to reveal many of its features, yet surely there is information of excellent propaganda value which could be made public. Cables are constantly being received in Hongkong and published in the newspapers of the different forms the war effort is taking in countries like India, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Africa. Why then should Hongkong so shyly hide its light under the bushel?

Without giving away information vital to the enemy, the Economic War Effort Committee could release statements about the progress of the work which would serve to stimulate the public imagination and would, almost certainly, quicken their desire to make greater personal contributions towards the war effort. This is something about which the public should be taken into confidence, discreetly, of course, but with a view to securing an active response. Complete silence firstly irritates, then creates apathy, and neither tends to encourage realisation of the Colony's war effort potential.

Additionally there are material signs that the Colony is in real danger of being deprived of its war effort effectiveness through circumstances which should be possible to correct. The fact that a number of Hongkong's industries are being forced to close down because it is impossible to obtain raw materials is an alarming prospect, for they are the type of industries which could and should be converted into manufacturing centres for much needed war goods. Shipping is scarce, but it is difficult to believe that space could not be found for materials which are to be converted into war necessities. An official review of the subject would be welcome.

KING LEOPOLD'S LOYAL CO-OPERATION WITH THE ALLIES

History of Events Which Forced Him at

Last to Forewarn Them of Surrender

with the British Army if it sildered that a withdrawal to the southward was Yser was a physical impossibility not fully appreciated. He lity under the pressure the would like above all other things enemy were exerting. A to co-operate with us, but it was withdrawal over roads thronged a physical impossibility under the existing geographical conditions. His Government had been urging him to leave Belgium before the Belgian Army mean the abandonment of all found it necessary to capitulate. their ammunition, stores and food. Of course, he had no intention of deserting his army. If the

British Government understood his motives, he did not care what others might think. I sent telegram in this sense at once.

The difficulty of reorganising the British divisions for the offensive ordered, along roads crowded with vehicles and refugees, was apparently not taken into account by the French High Command, and before the attack could be mounted the communications of the British Army with its bases at the Channel ports had been cut.

Although King Leopold did not know at that time, and no message to this effect ever reached him, Lord Gort had already received orders to withdraw to the coast and was preparing to do so. Meanwhile the fighting on the Belgian front had been continuous for four days, and the Belgian Army, short of food and ammunition, had withdrawn a tremendous onslaught from eight German divisions, including several armoured units supported by wave after wave of dive-bombers. Fighting with great gallantry, the Belgians had delivered several counter-attacks, slain some thousands of Germans and taken several hundred prisoners, but they were nearing the end of their resistance.

On the night of May 23, with grave misgivings, King Leopold fell back as desired from his

Division—one of the two

French divisions which were in

reserve on the Belgian left flank and under his orders—Gen. Weygand, the new

Generalissimo of the Allied

armies.

The only Allied troops left in

Belgium were the 60th French

Division of mine and was a loyal Division.

On May 24 Gen. Weygand

Committee on the Dardanelles, told the commanders of the

French army in 1922. He seemed as Northern Army that the alert and vigorous as ever, but vance of the French Army from

I felt that he had taken over the southwards was going well,

By Admiral of the Fleet SIR ROGER KEYES, M.P.

As Adm. Sir Roger Keyes was appointed Britain's special liaison officer to King Leopold of the Belgians on May 10, 1940, and remained with him till the night of May 27, the narrative here recorded is of high historical importance. It forms a substantial part of the preface which Sir Roger contributes to a new book ("The Prisoner at Lucken," Cresset Press, 10s. 6d.) by Emile Cammaerts on the King of the Belgians.

command too late to save the and he ordered them to attack Northern Army, and unless he vigorously to the southwards, could galvanise the French in order to close the gap behind our which had broken through.

Gen. Weygand confirmed the By this time the Belgian

orders which had been given to the Army was heavily engaged, and on May 20 and requested King G.H.Q. that they were faced

Leopold to withdraw from the with an attack by eight or nine Scheidt to the Lys, in order to German divisions with the ob-

allow the British Army to retire from driving the Belgian Army position on the frontier—which its contact with the British

it had constructed and occupied southward with the French frontier.

On May 25 King Leopold re-

ceived information which left him in no doubt that the British King Leopold told me that he was about to attack south-

wards. In view of this he had agreed to take over the line that he could best help by keeping of the Lys as far as the frontier touch as long as possible

in order to release British divisions to carry out the offensive ready withdrawn his mechanised

although this necessitated his flank on the coast to reinforce placing practically the whole of the right flank, and he now gave

the Belgian Army along a front orders for the 15th Division of 90 kilometres, opposite which a number of German divisions (infantry with no artillery nor machine guns), from the Yser, had been identified. He felt, however, that the projected

French-British offensive had been delayed too long and, at

and possessed neither tanks nor aircraft, nor the equipment for extricating the French and learning of the heavy attacks

on our return to Bruges Army which had been towards Ypres and the im-

minence of a break in the Belgian ports and Dunkirk by at Premeuse to ask Lord Gort

to him. He did not feel that the Belgian Army and occupying to help. He asked me to urge

King Leopold to withdraw the Belgian Army towards the Yser.

The question of the Belgian Army retiring to the Yser, if it was forced to fall back from

the Lys, had been considered at the conference at Ypres on May

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Simon On Atlantic Charter

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Speaking at the annual conference of the Liberal National Council in London, Lord Simon said it was impossible to exaggerate the significance of the joint signing of the Atlantic Charter.

In reference to Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Simon said that there had never been a more striking example of wise statesmanship than when the Prime Minister, after Hitler's treacherous attack on Russia, went to the microphone the same evening and told the world that Russia was from that moment Britain's close ally.

Nazi-Vichy Chambers Of Commerce

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—A session of the French and German Chambers of Commerce began today in Paris and will last until September 21, states a Paris dispatch to the official German news agency. The purpose of the session, it is stated, is to discuss Franco-German collaboration in the organisation of commerce.

Delegates taking part will be given an opportunity to visit Paris and make a trip to Nantes where the harbour works will be inspected.

Free France And N.E.I.

De Gaulle's Message
BATAVIA, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—On his return to London, General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, cabled Major-General Terpoorten, Chief of Staff of the Netherlands East Indies army, as follows:

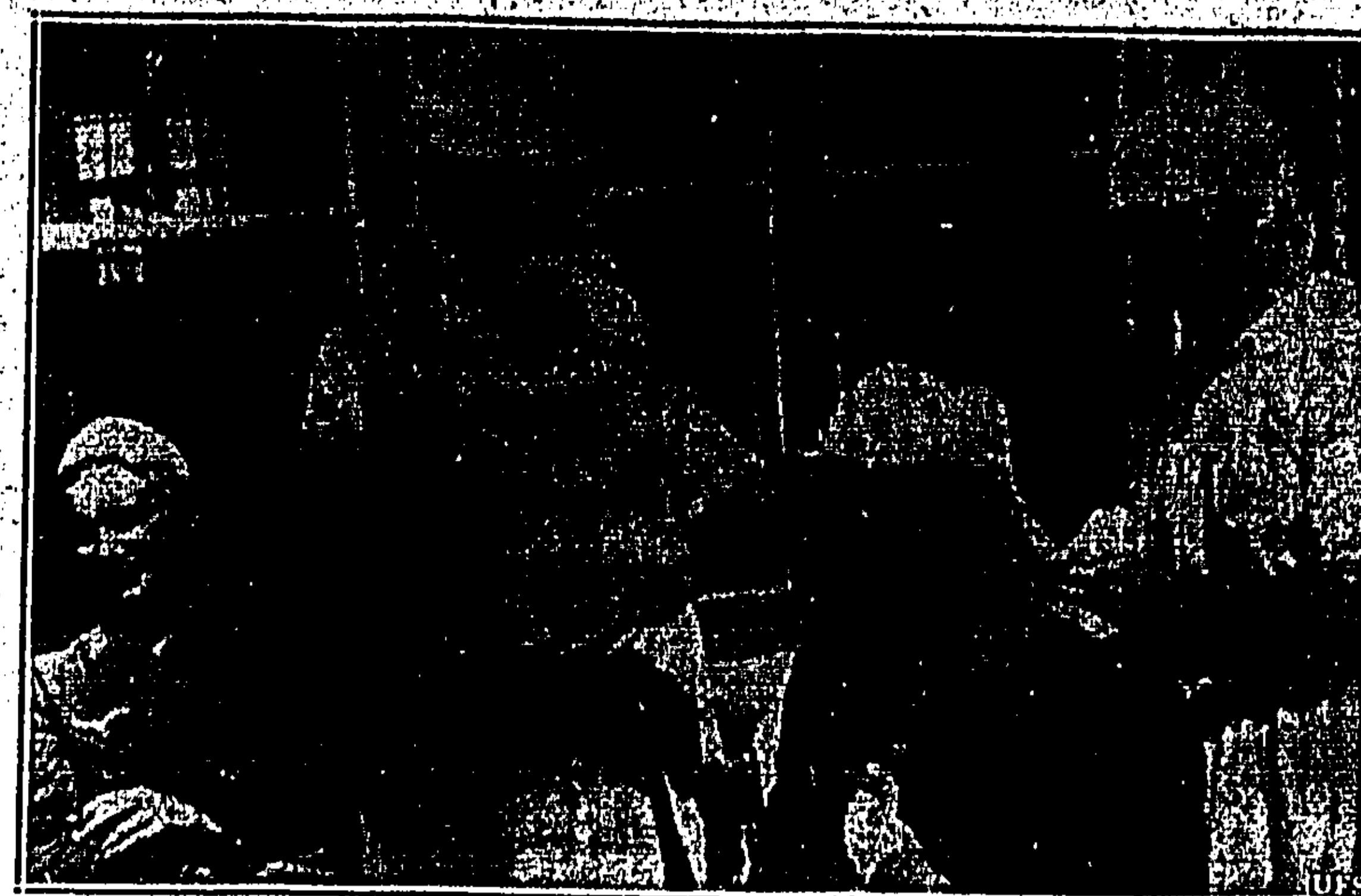
"I hear you have accepted membership in the Committee of Friends of Free France in agreement with the Government. I wish to thank you profoundly for this proof of your friendship towards Free France, the guardian of France's honour. I know your determination to guard the N.E.I. against all aggression and I am certain our common enemies will never succeed in compromising the work of civilisation carried on by your country and mine in the Far East. (Signed) General de Gaulle."

Japanese Leaving India And Malaya

SINGAPORE, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Mrs. Ken Tsuuri, wife of the Japanese Consul-General in Singapore, among about 100 Japanese (mainly residents affected by the "freezing" order) going to Japan aboard the N.Y.K. liner Hakone Maru, which arrived bringing 77 Japanese evacuees from Bombay and Colombo.

Japanese circles maintained that Mrs. Tsuuri's trip was planned long ago and was accelerated owing to her son's illness at home and not due to the political tension.

It is expected that 600 Japanese evacuees from Malaya will sail on the official evacuation ship Fuzo Maru, which is expected at Singapore on September 21.



AIDING WOUNDED.—A Russian doctor and a nurse give aid to a wounded German flier, Ernest Reetz. At left, another prisoner taken by the Reds has his head bandaged, but smiles.

Gallant Fight Against Heavy Odds By British Motorship

The gallant fight against heavy odds put up by the Australian and English crew of the motorship Rabaul with a German raider has been told to the "Sydney Sun" by a survivor who hails from Sydney.

Against eight six-inch guns, fired point-blank, the gunners of the Rabaul fought on until the ship was on fire and sinking. Some of them died at their post.

In the battle two Australians and seven Englishmen were killed and three Australians were wounded.

The narrator, 10-year-old Irving King, of Vaucluse, Sydney, states that markings on the bunks of the raider, the Temesis, prove that she was converted and armed in Japan. The Rabaul, a motorship of 5,018 tons, and owned by W. R. Carpenter and Co., was sunk in the South Atlantic, but the survivors of the engagement were rescued near the coast of Spain.

Irving King told "The Sun" that the Rabaul was in the South Atlantic, bound for the Middle East. It was cloudy night when the lookout sighted the raider Temesis, which was shelling the Rabaul.

"King said that the Temesis possessed special, spacious air-conditioned holds for prisoners, and good food. The hospital had two surgeons and X-ray equipment.

The prisoners were allowed to be on deck for four hours a day.

King went on: "We were transferred from the Temesis to the Japan, a 3,000-ton supply ship from Brazil. She had no prepared accommodation for prisoners, but her crew did their utmost to make us comfortable.

"The Temesis, to prevent us mutinying, sent four guards with a machine-gun and hand grenades to the Japan.

"We threw overboard a bottle containing the prisoners' names and the prison ship's identity and her whereabouts.

"The Germans heard the splash and mustered us on the fore deck. They threatened that we would be beaten down in the event of a repetition.

"The days passed uneventfully, and we all grew beards because there was only one razor among 78 prisoners.

Transferred Again

"We were transferred again, this time to the Alsterter, which was a converted banana ship with first-class prisoners' accommodation. She had a crew of 17-year-old cadets. We were permitted to be on deck all day."

Describing the rescue, King said that a Catalina flying-boat appeared and the Alsterter's captain told the

tens, does 18 knots and is wonderfully equipped with eight six-inch guns and many anti-aircraft guns. She has also a small seaplane which is employed from daylight to dusk, seeking victims."

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prisoners that night that they would have equal chances with the German crew.

"The Alsterter raced for Spain and the Germans evidently feared the game was up because they prepared raids.

"The captain superintended the bringing up of a stretcher, with Red Cross markings, for two wounded men.

"We sighted British warships at 2 p.m. and the skipper told us to jump for our lives as the ship was being scuttled.

"We rowed to a warship and I was nearly made prisoner because I was wearing a souvenired German Cap."

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Shanghai Merchant Shot Dead

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Central News).—Chen Cheng-kun, assistant manager of a thermos bottle manufacturer in Shanghai, was shot and killed by an unknown gunman this morning.

The shooting occurred when Chen was passing Yates Road in his rickshaw. Several bullets penetrated his head and killed him instantly. The gunman escaped.

WILL DEFEND THAILAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BANGKOK, Sept. 18 (UP).—We

in Thailand are ready and willing to do our share in defending the country should danger ever threaten it through foreign aggression," wrote an Englishman from Chiang Mai to the "Bangkok Times" under the pen name of "Northerner."

He added that although the act defusing wartime duties does not apply to aliens, he, as well as his fellow subjects in every part of the British Empire will perform any duties required of them.

Draftees' Mothers Organise

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (UP).—Local mothers whose sons have been drafted have banded together in an effort to stretch the maternal apron string from the home kitchen to the army camp.

The organisation, known as the "Mothers of Selectees," is headed by Mrs. Alan Kistler, whose three sons have been called to the colours.

Explaining the aims of the group, Mrs. Kistler said:

"Our objective will be to work for the welfare of our boys in camp. Nobody knows the problems of the boys better than their mothers who get letters from them every week."

The local group is contemplating organisation on a national scale.

Rival To Golden Gate Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP).—San Francisco has a third bridge with an impressive record as the more famous Golden Gate and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridges—the Third and Channel aqueduct—city engineers revealed recently.

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Chungking Digs For Dud Bombs

CHUNGKING (UP).—While the heroism of London suicide squads which dug up unexploded bombs has been praised throughout the world, in Chungking for three years the clean-up squads have been taking the task of unearthing duds more or less as a matter of course.

With a fairly high percentage of duds falling after every raid, there are numerous unexplained holes which must be probed and explored to ascertain if they were caused by a bomb. Fortified by the knowledge that so far no delayed action bombs have been dropped by the Japanese, the clean-up squads immediately begin digging.

Sometimes they find high flung fragments of rocks caused the holes, but more often the workers discover bombs. The largest bomb excavated to date fell at the down-town cross-roads last year and penetrated 30 feet of soft earth before it came to rest. When finally hoisted out, the bomb proved to weigh 1,800 pounds.

Ordnance officers withdraw the charges from the bombs, which are sold either to chemical firms or re-used by Chinese munitions firms. The cases are used for scrap iron.

Citizens Joke

Thrifty Chungking residents joke about the delivery of badly needed chemicals by Japanese air express.

Since none of the duds ever has exploded during the excavation operations, the areas are not roped off and anyone can watch the process.

During a recent raid, a bomb fell squarely in the centre of the main road between the city and a suburb, but traffic continued around the edge of the hole as the clean-up squad worked throughout the night.

The use of gasoline or oil incendiaries first was noticed during one of the recent Chungking raids, when a bomb penetrated the roof and two floors of the National Library and buried itself in loose damp earth below, after leaving a blotch which appeared and smelled like gasoline.

Axis Ship For Britain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The 8,000-ton Italian liner Leme, which was among Axis ships requisitioned by the United States, will, it is reported, shortly be transferred to Britain under the Lease-Lend procedure.

The damage inflicted by her crew before she was requisitioned is now being repaired.

The United States thus far has re-acquired about 60 foreign ships. The Leme would be the first of these to be transferred to Britain.

Library Was Once Nassau Prison

NASSAU, Bahamas (UP).—The Public Library, an odd octagonal building not far from Rawson's Square, originally was the Nassau Prison.

The old building set in the midst of a park bright with bougainvillea and hibiscus and shaded by royal palms, was built in 1797, during the reign of George III, and served as a jail until 1847. In Queen Victoria's reign, when it was made a public library and museum.

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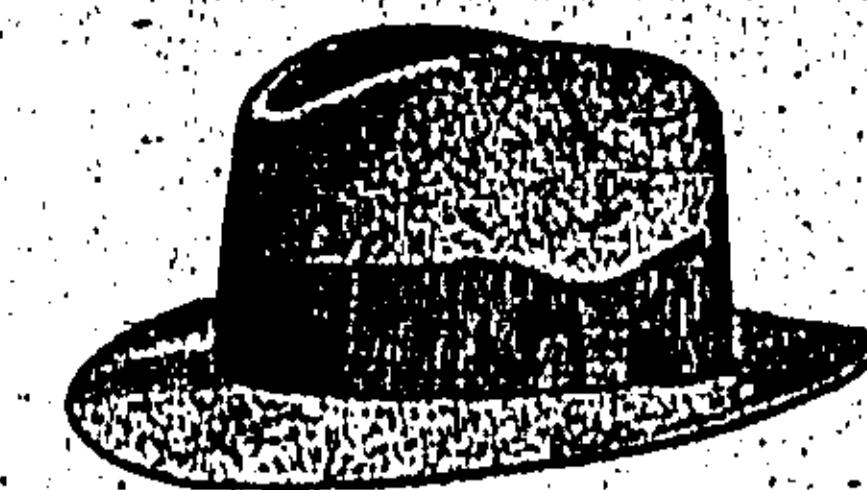
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Macao Racing Resumes With Sunday's September Meeting

Special Sweep On Governor's Cup: First Prize Over \$10,000

Portuguese Jockeys In Making

AFTER AN ELAPSE of a few months the Macao Jockey Club will resume racing on Sunday and very satisfactory entries have been received for their September meeting at Arcia Preta.

The most important event on the programme of six races is the Governor's Cup presented by the Macao Governor and the cup is to be won twice in succession by a "D" class China pony or ponies, the bone side property of the same owner or owners.

It is interesting to recall that the last Governor's Cup (donated by the late Dr A. T. de Sousa Barbosa) won outright was captured by Meadow Eve belonging to Mr Liang Hau-yuen, the Chinese senator of the Macao Legislative Council. However, the new trophy, kindly presented by His Excellency Commander G. M. Teklera, has attracted no less than 14 nominations and it may please the Macao Governor to know that a good field will face the start.

Though class does not predominate among the entry, we have a few top notchers and the event has a double attraction owing to a special dollar cash sweep being conducted.

It is learned that the sale is now approaching the 25,000 mark and this should give the lucky drawer of the first pony a prize of over \$10,000.

Coming Jockey

ALL sportmen know that J. Nolasco da Silva is a fine horse player, but one would hardly believe that in a little over a year the Macao Interpreter has piloted six ponies to victory.

In view of the fact that this class of racers is not provided with a race at Happy Valley until at the Double Tenth meet, it is a pity that the Hongkong owners have not given more support.

However, Maple Star is not in very good condition, for the mare did not summer well.

National Victory should not have any difficulty to claim the first prize with Tobaccoship in the rear.

Curtain Raiser

Wan Chai Handicap

THE curtain raiser will be the Wan Chai Handicap for "Y" class China ponies and it is a scramble over half a mile to be ridden by novices.

Looking over the list of handicaps, Fairy Auk appears to have a sporting chance of crossing the wire first, but it should be remembered that the grey in the Chairman's Cup ran out after passing the barrack confined to African soldiers. This pony may do it again with a "greenhorn" jockey. Fairy Ousel would have been my fancy if the handicapper had not given the limit load. Meadow Eve is nicely weighted and he has certainly my vote. The most dangerous is Victory Life.

Hark Sha Wan H'cap (2nd Section)

Interesting Novice Event

THE Hark Sha Wan Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies is another interesting novice event over

Selections	
My selections are as follows:	
Wan Chai Handicap	
Meadow Eve	
Fairy Ousel	
Fairy Auk	
Hark Sha Wan Handicap (Second Section)	
Black Diamond	
National Anthem	
Hopeful Time	
Perth Handicap	
Buckfastleigh	
Rising Star	
Tarzan	
Adelaide Handicap	
National Victory	
Tobaccoship	
Maple Star	
Governor's Cup	
Rose-Queen	
Eve of Hunting	
Royal Wedding Eve	
Hark Sha Wan Handicap (First Section)	
Desert Star	
Radiant Star	
Plet Hein	

China ponies will terminate the meeting and the run is over six furlongs to be ridden by novices.

Ten ponies have been assigned to this section and the contest is going to be a good event.

Piet Hein and King's Worthy share the top weight of 159 lb, while Mac's Adventure and Sports Venture are at the bottom of the list.

On the book Plet Hein should have an easy passage, but I prefer Desert Star—the winner of 1938 Valley Stakes. The difference of weight is a stiff proposition to Plet Hein.

When they clashed in the Ma Kok Handicap (first section) over six furlongs on June 15, the winner (Plet Hein) had a pull of 11 lb. against the second pony (Radiant Star), whereas on Sunday the latter has an advantage of 10 lb. in his favour.

The rider J. Nolasco cannot claim jockey allowance, it being a novice event, and in the circumstance Plet Hein is at further disadvantage.

By no means Mac's Adventure and Sports Venture out of the running, provided, of course, both jockeys can fit the scales at 135 lb.

Governor's Cup

S.W. Lee Making Strong Bid For Main Event

Challenge From Rose-Queen

MR S. W. LEE is making a strong bid to secure the first leg of the Governor's Cup and the nominator has Eve of Hunting, Just In Time, Smiling Time, This Time and West Lake to fight the issue out.

It is not to be expected that all will go to the post, but judging from the book form there is

good reason to believe that Eve of Hunting and West Lake will be carrying his colours.

In my opinion Just In Time is not a miler and I am inclined to believe that Smiling Time and This Time are not yet ready.

Royal Wedding Eve will be racing under Mr J. M. Roche's colours instead of Mr Bill Stanton's. The mare does not appear to be in the same form as when she ran away with the Hunter's Cup in Fanning on March 23.

Formidable

ROSE-QUEEN is too well known to require any introduction, but nobody can deny the fact that the mare has a reputation of letting her supporters down without reason.

She has never made a trip to the Portuguese colony and whether Rose-Queen is a bad sailor, or not, is, of course, a matter for speculation. However I have a strong belief that the excursion trip will be to the mare's liking.

I am not trying to discount Eve of Hunting's chances, but Mr Lee's candidate will have to be at tip-top condition to stave off the challenge of Rose-Queen. There is no flaw in the allotment of weights, for both have been handicapped on the strength of their last running.

A Good Thing

LOVELY STAR has been whispered a good thing, but the boy in my estimation is attempting out of his distance and I doubt he will get a place.

Sunlight View has been kindly treated by the weight adjuster with the lowest impost and the mare is worth \$5 each way.

After an absence of ten months, Clowner has returned to the course and the brown is looking well. He is not yet ready, and I doubt if Mr Fielden's candidate will make the trip.

Mauber is making her debut among the "D" class runners and the mare is good for a long shot.



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Aquatic Gala Activity This Week-end

Volunteer Corps And Inter-Services Meeting

Close Racing Anticipated

(By "Tinker")

THIS WEEK-END sees another spate of aquatic activity. To-morrow will be held the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps championships in conjunction with an inter-Services Meet in the Army pool at 9 p.m., while commencing to-night and continuing on Sunday and Monday will be Hongkong Chinese Swimming championships—postponed from Wednesday and Thursday.

This latter Meet was originally scheduled to be held at North Point, but typhoon damage has rendered this impossible, and with the permission of the Victoria Recreation Club, will now be held at the latter's pool, starting each of the three nights at 7.30 p.m.

Events and entries for both these

gains have already been published.

To-morrow's function in the Army pool will be in aid of the British Prisoners of War Fund, and a bumper crowd is expected, not only for the worthiness of the cause, but because excellent competition is expected.

Relay races are ever an attraction, and in this the military Meet will satisfy all, for practically all events are relays. There will be four races for the Corps Championship, four in the Inter-Services programme, three invitation races and two diving.

Undoubtedly, greatest interest

will be shown in the Corps Inter-

Unit events, and for ultimate

honours it should be a great fight

between the Mobile Column and

the Portuguese Companies.

Nucleus of the Mobiles are Noel

Hammond, David Hutchinson and N.

D. Booker, the latter taking part in

all four events. Stalwarts of the

Portuguese Companies are Luiz M.

Remedios, E. da Roza and J. M. and

G. N. Gosano.

But the swimmer with the most

on his hands is E. A. Roberts of the

No. 3 Machine Gun Company, for he

has five races to consider, two for

the Corps in the Inter-Services

races.

The whole is in aid of the

Orthopaedic Centres of Free China,

and the fund should benefit by a

considerable amount.

Notable absence from the women's

events is Miss Ko Miu-ling, of

Lai Tsun. But all the other women

stars are there.

The 100 metres and the 50 metres

free-style, therefore, are more open,

with Miss Ho Wai-ling, of the

Chinese Bathing Club, having the

slight edge. But Miss Ho and Miss

Ko together would have resulted in

a very fine tussle over these two dis-

tinguishes.

Football In India

Bombay, Sept. 18.—The British Infantry team, runners-up in the Bombay League championship, to-day defeated East Bengal, runners-up in the Calcutta League, in the quarter-finals of the Rovers Cup football tournament.—Reuter.

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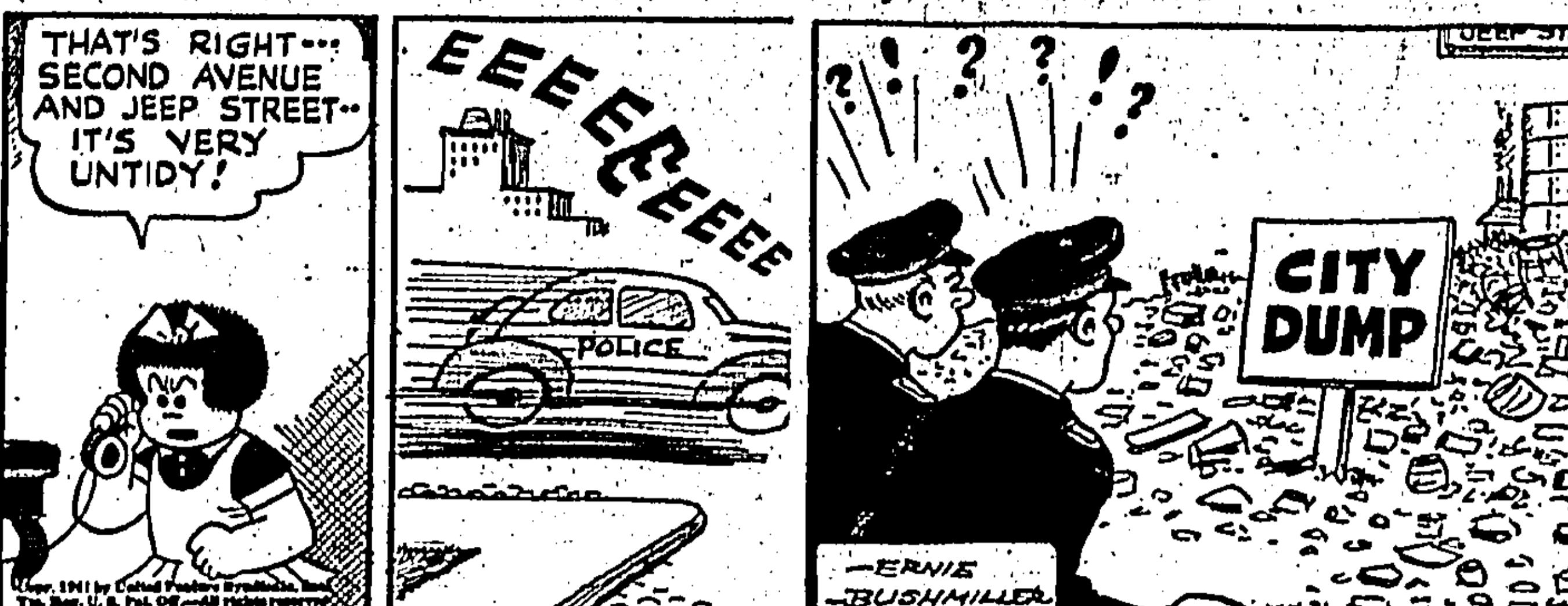
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THIS WAR IS FULL OF SURPRISES

Hitler Got First of Them

LONDON.—No war in history has been more full of surprises than this war between Britain and Germany, writes A. C. Cummings. Hardly any of it has gone "according to plan." Even its victories have surprised those who won them.

Hitler got the first surprise. British force in the desert attacked his magnificent Libyan army, chased it hundreds of miles, and forced it to surrender. Another army invaded Ethiopia, set the Emperor back on his throne and destroyed the entire "Roman empire in Africa," about which the Nazis boasted so loud and so often.

Poland got the next surprise. It was overrun in a few weeks and its army wiped out by air-bombing and tanks.

France's turn came later. At the start of the war all the French generals assumed that the Germans would promptly take the offensive and besiege the Maginot Line. Instead of which there were months of quiet all along the battlefield.

Then happened the most shattering surprise of all—the invasion of Holland and Belgium and the breakthrough into France with the collapse, in a few weeks, of what was considered to be the finest and best-trained army in the world.

Dunkirk Epic

Dunkirk was an immense surprise for the Hun. He could not believe that a British army with its back to the sea could escape in such numbers from the furious onset of his tanks and dive bombers.

Then came the Battle of Britain—a tremendous surprise not only for Goering's Luftwaffe which thought itself invincible, but for the rest of the world which foolishly believed Britain was beaten.

Mussolini's turn to be surprised was not long delayed. A small

British Spy Carried Secret To The Grave

George Johnson Armstrong, 38-year-old British engineer, who was executed for treachery at Wandsworth Jail recently carried his family secrets with him to the grave.

If he had any relatives living he never spoke of them from the time he was arrested until the warm, sunlit morning when he walked to the gallows.

Nobody made application to see him during that time. Nobody wrote to him.

Even after his appeal had failed and he must have realised there was no hope, Armstrong made no reference at all to relatives in his conversations with the prison officials and with the chaplain.

When the last act of this espionage drama was staged, with the pinning of the usual notice on the prison door to the effect that the execution had been duly carried out, there was nobody to read it.



MERCY FOR ALL.—War-broken humanity receives succour from a nurse. This is a Russian nurse giving aid to German war prisoners captured on the battlefield.

Abyssinian Campaign Is Described By Officers

Two officers now in London, one a South African, the other a captain in The Black Watch, have given very interesting accounts of their experiences in the Abyssinian campaign. Both fought on the southern front, but many hundreds of miles apart.

The South African described his arrival near Nairobi, the hasty settling down of his formation in order to carry out further training, and its swift uprooting to invade Abyssinia in the area of Lake Rudolf. Leaving the cultivated and inhabited part of Kenya-behind, he marched some 500 miles, the last part of the trek being across the desert and waste of lava in the northern part of the colony, to Marsabit, a sort of oasis in the wilderness where there were elephant and rhino.

A frontal advance on Moyale from this point would have been practically impossible in face of opposition, so a turning movement was made round the great escarpment and the enemy's defences. The armoured cars were driven straight through the scrub on a compass bearing, with Abyssinian guides assisting them to keep direction.

Water Carried 200 Miles

In addition to Abyssinian irregulars—not to be confused with the Patriot forces—a brigade of East Africans operated with the South Africans. As in many operations of the sort, the decisive factor was water supply, and a water-hole was an objective equivalent to a great rallying junction in a civilised country. With a temperature sometimes

reaching 125 in the shade, water had to be carried as much as 200 miles in drums.

The Black Watch officer was with the force which fought its way through Somaliland into Abyssinia and finally to Addis Ababa, a distance of over 2,000 miles. South African, Kenyan, Gold Coast, and Nigerian columns started off on February 2, after long and careful preparation and the assembly of large dumps of food, ammunition, stores, petrol, and water.

Again water was all important, in two contrary senses. The Juba river had to be reached with a rush in order to acquire drinking water to continue the advance, while the whole operation had to be carried through at the highest possible speed for fear not of a lack of water but of too much—in other words, the coming of the rains.

The Juba was reached, but the enemy's resistance was stout, and after two days the advance was completely held up and the prospect of crossing the river, here 200 yards in breadth, began to appear poor. Again a great turning move was carried out. The flanking force, furnished with a few tanks and armoured cars, had to cut its way through a forest—where trees five feet in diameter had to be removed—to cross a marsh, and to bridge the Juba at an unguarded point with the material found on the spot.

Enemy Surprised

It succeeded in getting astride the road behind the enemy, who was taken completely by surprise. The objectives were captured in precisely the opposite order to that customary. The Italian hospitals first fell into our hands, then their depots, then their headquarters. The front-line troops waited for no more, but cleared out and made for the coast at top speed.

Mogadishu was taken after the necessary landing ground for our fighters had been tested by the simple expedient of driving armoured cars across it. As the column was returning with this good news, lorries with lights on joined it, being considerably given a place in the middle, and it was not until a sergeant had forcibly demanded why the lorries were kept on that they were found to be full of Italian troops. The capture of Mogadishu opened up a new line of supply by sea from Mombasa, and greatly facilitated the drive to Horn. This 800-mile trek in approximately seven days was none the less a remarkable administrative feat.

Administration was throughout remarkably good. At one time, said the South African, his division was on a front of nearly 400 miles. General Cunningham, controlling his widely dispersed forces largely through senior liaison officers using aircraft, though the column commanders themselves also covered vast distances by this means, thinking nothing of flying several hundred miles to visit a neighbouring column.

They are obliged to live without any feminine society, for Greek men are telling their womenfolk: "Give the Italians the cold shoulder—they belong to an inferior race."

It is reliably learned that every dawn sees the bodies of Italian soldiers lying in the gutters of lonely streets in Greece's towns and villages.

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Border Fighting Revealed

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numbers at Tientsin to work on the construction of fortifications in Manchukuo. He said they were receiving less than one yuan (about five cents) a day.

The Japanese were reported to have staged a sham street fight—a sure way of collecting Chinese watchers—and then the Chinese were "shanghaied" and taken north. The traveller said the Japanese were carrying on an anti-espionage campaign in north China, similar to the one taking place at the present time in Japan.

He said that at Mukden station porters were warned periodically not to answer questions, the luggage of all travellers is carefully examined and any native caught listening to a radio is shot. Foreigners caught listening to radio broadcasts are subject to immediate deportation.

Life Made Difficult

The traveller said life for foreigners and Chinese alike is most difficult in Manchukuo. Foreign goods are no longer available, while coal is strictly rationed for foreigners.

The Chinese are subject to complete rationing, even to salt, while millet is rationed at one catty and two ounces, daily per person.

Clothing also is rationed but the prices fixed by the government are extremely low. The traveller said young men up to 20 years old are not permitted to wear stockings more than six months a year, while no more than one pair of shoes or slippers are permitted every three months.

The recent arrival from Manchukuo said he visited one small city where only two Chinese were permitted to eat rice and the others were limited to millet. One of the privileged Chinese was president of the chamber of commerce.

He said there was no famine at the present time and the harvest this year was excellent. However, much of the foodstuffs are expected to be exported to Japan.

Japanese Requests

Although Spokesman Solomon Lozovsky of the Soviet Information Bureau vehemently denied the "United Press" report from Shanghai that Japan had made requests to Soviet Russia to consider the possibility of demilitarizing Vladivostok and the maritime provinces, diplomats here understand the Japanese not only made the requests but recently increased their pressure on Moscow for a reply. The Japanese are said to have promised in return to fully respect the Russo-Japanese neutrality treaty.

The Japanese requests also included a guarantee that no Soviet bases would be ceded to the United States and a grant of further economic concessions in North Saganhan.

Foreign diplomats pointed out that the Russians just a few days before the outbreak of the Russo-German war denied there were any difficulties with Berlin and they said the Soviets obviously would not admit the Japanese had made such demands while negotiations were still in progress.

The tenor of press remarks in Tokyo, plus statements by Spokesman Koh Ishii of the information board regarding aid to Russia by the United States, have indicated the importance Japan attaches to relations with Soviet Russia.

Precautionary Moves

All observers still agree the Japanese moves in Manchukuo at the present time are precautionary. They believe the Japanese are preparing to move only if action is made necessary by developments in Europe or if Russia is drawn too closely into the British, American, Dutch and Chinese "encirclement" of Japan.

Informed sources, who recently had contact with Tokyo authorities, believe the Japanese are hopeful there will be no need of taking military moves against Russia. They say the Japanese believe they may be able to get all they want in the form of demilitarization and further economic concession through negotiations and the threat to use force, especially if the Soviets find their war against Germany growing increasingly difficult.

These informed sources said the Japanese basic policy is still southward—through Thailand. They said the Japanese believe that once they are in Thailand they will be in a position to press the United States and Great Britain for economic concessions involving the Netherlands East Indies.

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Sheridan is a member of a well-known Irish family at Shanghai and was wounded at Bardia in the early stages of the fighting in the Near East. Thereafter he took part in the Grecian campaign and nothing had been heard from him since April last.

He writes that the Australian troops in the German prison camps are doing well, but are in need of sweaters, socks and tobacco and also hard chocolate, as a supplement to their diet. This information may serve as a guide to any who intend sending parcels to the prisoner-of-war camps.

NEW DUTIES ON
MEDICINES

Become Effective To-day

An order has been issued extending the present duties on "toilet preparations" to a combined duty on "proprietary medicines" and "toilet preparations" according to an order issued under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance and which comes

into force at 2 p.m. to-day.

Details of the order are published in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary" containing the authorisation of H.E. The Governor, Sir Mark Young.

Duty must be paid on all stocks in the Colony in other than bonded storage. Dealers, importers, manufacturers and retailers must declare their stocks of proprietary medicines to Mr E. W. Hamilton, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, as soon as possible, and pay duty on the stocks.

Stocks in bonded storage or in the hands of manufacturers will be subject to the provisions of dutiable commodities Ordinance.

The sale of proprietary medicines

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BORDER
FIGHTING
REVEALEDJapanese And Soviets
In Recent Incidents

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18 (UP).—The closure of the Manchukuo-North China border and the Japanese forbidding foreigners to travel to and from Manchukuo has put the seal of silence around the tremendous Japanese movements there.

There is increasing belief in Shanghai diplomatic quarters that the Japanese and Russians are engaged in an undercover diplomatic struggle, that approaches in intensity to the Japanese-United States "war of nerves" although neither Tokyo nor Moscow acknowledges the existence of such a struggle.

With increasing Japanese supervision of communications, the news from the north will be increasingly scarce aside from the official reports from neutral countries possessing contacts in these areas.

Traveller's Story

A foreign traveller just arriving from Manchukuo told the United Press that fighting on a "considerable scale" took place on the Manchukuo-Siberian border. He said numerous wounded soldiers were arriving at Harbin, indicating that most of the fighting took place around Nomonhan, while reports also were heard of fighting on the Amur river front.

The Japanese have officially admitted that such clashes took place but the Soviets have denied the reports. Most observers interpreted this to mean that the Russians were attempting to present amicable Soviet-Japanese relations to the world at a time when the Russo-German war was approaching one of the crucial points.

Big Military Movements

The traveller said there were tremendous military movements throughout Manchukuo and on the day he left Dairen 10,000 troops passed through the city en route to the north, while for several previous days heavy artillery and quantities of tanks and other military supplies were constantly moving in and out of the city.

He said blinds on train compartments were pulled down day and night while travelling in order to prevent travellers from observing troop movements. He said it was virtually impossible to obtain transportation due to the Japanese army requisitioning most of the railroads. At stations passengers were forced to carry their own luggage and armed sentries hurried them up and instructed them not to look behind.

The Japanese were reported to be holding air raid drills and taking other precautionary measures throughout Manchukuo. Blackouts have been held in the major cities and the Japanese were said to have been unable to train the natives to cooperate closely.

New Fortifications

The traveller said the Japanese had "collected" coolies in large numbers and were using them to produce defence materials including acquisition of land, \$275,000,000, agricultural-industrial and other commodi-

MANAGING PARTNER OF
CHINESE CO. GIVES
EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY

Persistent denials that a company of which he was a partner had ever sold wood to Marsman's were made by Pang Shick, Manager of a Chinese land, investment company at the resumed inquiry this morning into matters affecting the architectural office of the Air Raid Precautions Department. Pang revealed that he was a partner in two companies both of which dealt in wood. One, however, did not purchase sleepers, although the other did.

Pang Shick, Manager and Partner of the firm of Pang Shick and Tam, was the first witness called.

Witness said that including himself there were seven partners in the firm, their names being Lau Lai-sang, Kwong Ming-kwong, Fung Mon-fan, Kwong Yan-shan, Tam Long-ying and the Kwong Yick Company.

The Chairman (Mr Justice P. E. F. Cressall): What is the Kwong Yick Co.?

Witness: A land investment company.

They are not timber merchants?—No.

Are they contractors in anyway?—They are not building contractors. How much money did they put into the firm?—\$4,000.

Invested \$2,000.

And did you put in \$4,000 also?—No. The amounts varied. I put in \$2,000 myself.

What was the highest amount anyone has put in?—The Kwong Yick Co. put in the highest amount, \$4,000. What is the total share capital of Pang Shick and Tam?—\$12,000 odd. When was the Company formed?—About the middle of 1939.

Before then the Company was not in existence?—Up to the middle of 1939 there was in existence a business in my name, Pang Shick.

What was the business?—I did work for the P.W.D., such as reclamation and salvage.

But you weren't in the timber trade?—No.

And it was only when you formed this Company in the middle of 1939 that you started to deal in timber?—Not even then. We have never dealt in wood.

You have never dealt in wood?—Never.

Never Sold Sleepers

Pang Shick and Tam have never sold sleepers to A.R.P. contractors?—Never.

What is the address of Pang Shick and Tam, 33 Queen's Road Central?—Yes.

Do you know the firm called Tai Lee Lumber Company?—Yes.

Do they also have their address at 33 Queen's Road Central?—They are in the same premises.

Have they anything to do with Pang Shick and Tam?—Nothing whatsoever.

You are quite sure about that?—Yes. At one time Tai Lee borrowed some of our note-paper so that the heading of the paper used bore our firm's name.

Do you know who are the partners of Tai Lee Lumber Co.?—I am also a partner.

You are? Then there is some connection on between Pang Shick and Tam and Tai Lee?—There is no connection strictly speaking between these two companies. I myself am

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15 Women
Back From
AustraliaGovt Officials
Plead Ignorance

Fifteen European women arrived in Hongkong this week from Australia and have landed here.

It cannot be ascertained from any of the authorities whether they are returned evacuees, but it is believed they carried transit visas which permits them to land and remain in the colony for seven days.

Usually, too, this means that British people enjoying this right to land can remain in Hongkong indefinitely.

"Delicate Matter"

The "Telegraph" made persistent efforts yesterday afternoon to secure information from the recognised authorities, but they pleaded ignorance. One official declared: "It is a delicate matter and no information can be given."

In reply to repeated protests by the "Husbands' Representation Committee," the late Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcott made a public statement to the effect that except in very special cases instructions had been issued that no evacuees in Australia were to be granted transit visas for entry into Hongkong.

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Further Late News

BOMBAY, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The total subscriptions to all Indian Defence Bonds up to September 13 amounted to £6,872,000.

Soviet Tanks
In Action

Feature of the Nazi-Russian war has been the brilliant performances of the Soviet tank units. They have been largely responsible for the failure of the Nazi blitzkrieg. This picture just received from Moscow shows an "army" of tanks going forward into battle positions.

ACTIVE
DAY FOR
THE RAF

CAIRO, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Harbours and shipping at Tripoli and Benghazi were attacked by heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm during the night of September 16-17, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

The communiqué continues: "The results of the bombings were obscured by low clouds but the pilots over Benghazi saw a tanker alongside the Julian Mole, which had been hit previously, still blazing.

"At Tripoli a large number of bombs fell in the target area.

"Dumps of stores at Bardia were raided and large fires resulted from the bombing.

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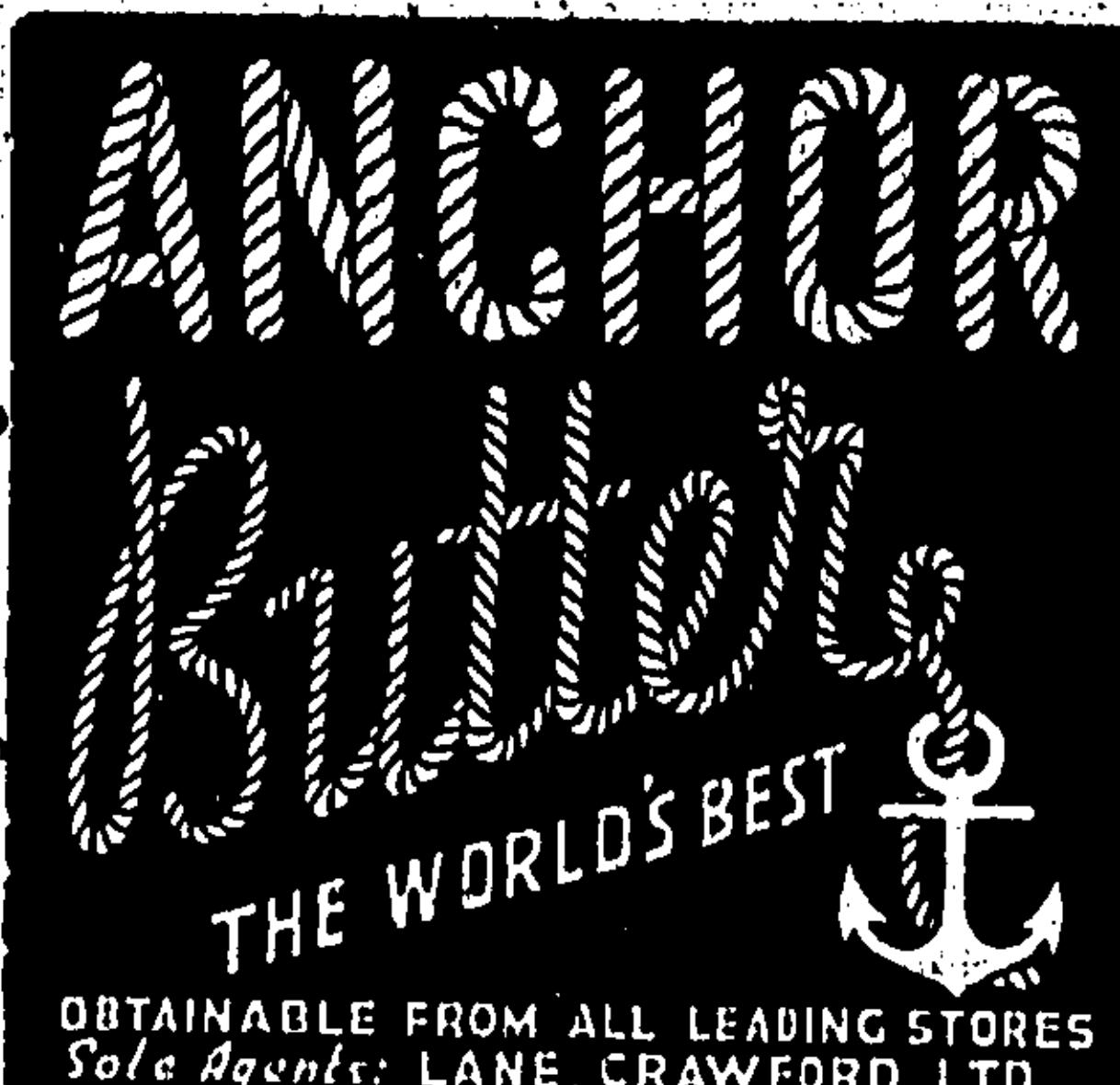
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Second Hand High!

"Sufficient evidence has been given in this column, I think, to prove that the so-called rule of 'Second-hand-low' is fallacious. Just in case more testimony is needed, I offer the following example:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♦ A J 9 6 5
Q 8 4
Q 7
♦ 10 6 5
A 8 4 2
7
♦ A J 8 6 4
N
W
E
S
K 9 8
A 10
Q A K 6 5 2
Q Q 10 9
A A Q 4

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 N T Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass

West made what turned out to be an inspired opening lead, namely, the singleton trump. Unlucky the lead of a singleton trump is highly disadvantageous in that it is likely to pick up an honour in partner's hand that might otherwise take a trick on a wrong guess by declarer. In this case, however, it paved the ground for an excellent defence. Declarer felt that he could not hope to establish dummy's spade suit with only one sure outside entry, the heart queen, hence determined to try to ruff losing diamonds. He put up dummy's heart queen and led the singleton diamond.

If East had been a member of the "second-hand-low" school, the contract would have become ironclad. West would have taken the diamond trick, but then could not have returned a heart, and declarer would have been able to ruff two diamonds in dummy and finally concede only

one club and a heart in addition to the diamond.

East, however, was fully aware of his opportunity and, without hesitation, put up the diamond king on dummy's singleton. The reasoning back of this was simple enough. First, it was an odds-on chance that declarer had a five-card heart suit (witness that he had bid four hearts instead of four spades or three notrump) and this meant that West had no more trumps. If declarer had the diamond ace, East's king would be worthless. But even if declarer did not have that card, East's king would be made worthless unless it were put to use as an entry. Dummy's holding clearly suggested that successful defence demanded continued trump leads, thus preventing diamond ruffs.

On that correct analysis East bided his play of the diamond king. When it held he promptly shifted back to trumps, and from that point declarer had to struggle against insuperable odds. He could ruff one diamond in dummy, but this left him with two losers in the suit, and when the club finesse lost and a heart trick was to be conceded, it was all over.

Tomorrow's Hand
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♦ A 8 3
Q Q 9 6 5
O A K 7 5
A 8 6 3 2
A 7 0 2 4
N
W
E
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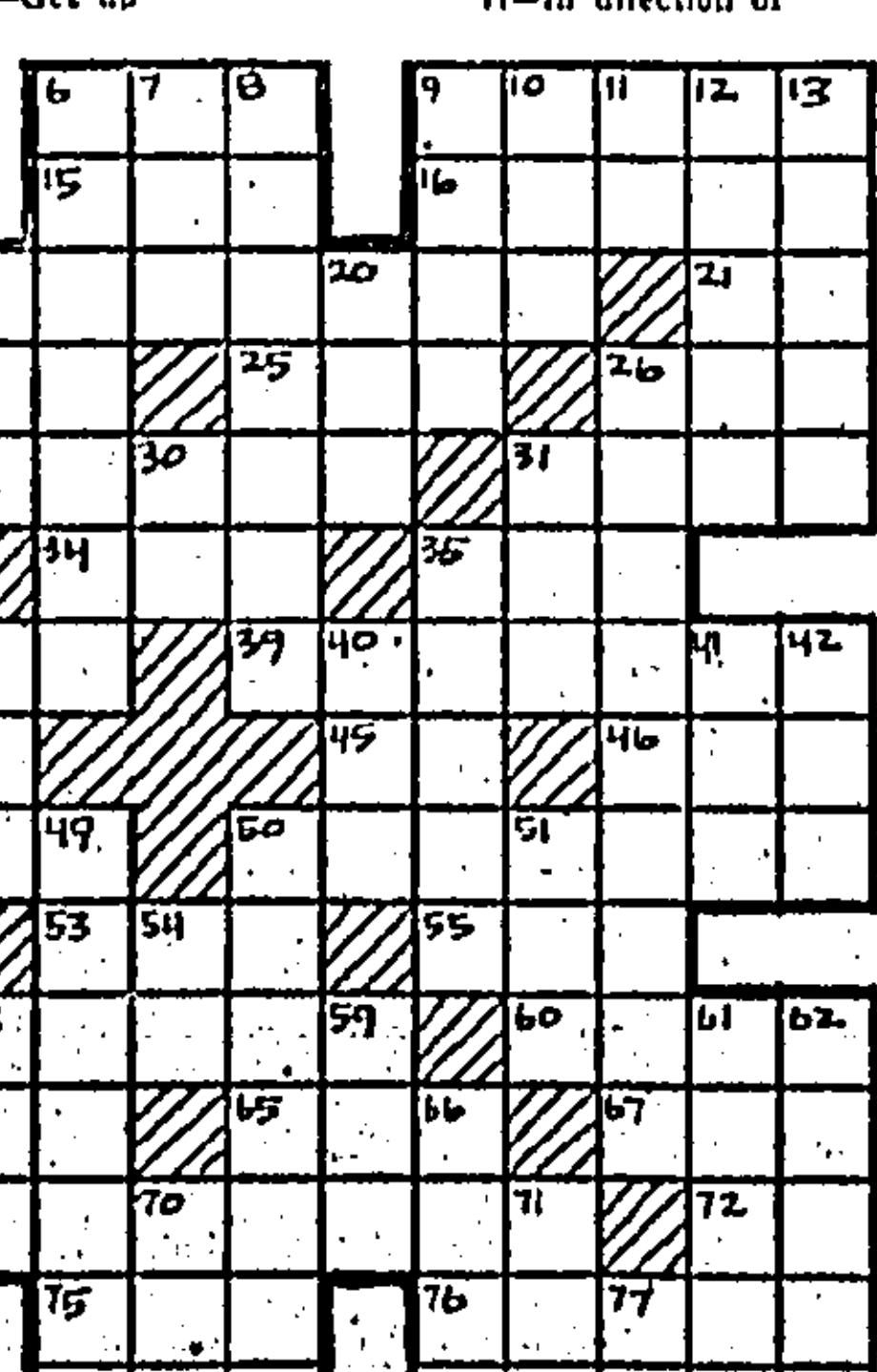
How should this hand be played at a six spade contract? Opening lead, heart king.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Palm food (pl.)	3-Goddess of earth
2-Articulate to	4-Grain
3-Pertaining to	5-Let's stand
4-Teutonic law code	6-Subversive
5-Mythical picture	7-Jump
6-Religious	8-Intervening
7-Religious	9-Subversive sound
8-Religious (abbr.)	10-Any (col.) fat
9-Science of sound	11-Oriental empire
10-Religious	12-Religious monument
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12-Religious	14-With one left over
13-Religious	15-Overstuffed
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COUNT THE
TELEGRAPH'S
EVERYWHEREERROL FLYNN'S
SISTER WEDS

Miss Rosemary Flynn, sister of film star Errol Flynn, after her wedding in Belfast, to Mr. J. H. S. Elliott.

Remember
Gloria
Swanson?

THOSE who remember Gloria Swanson at the zenith of her career, when her success in France was front page news, would be amazed on meeting her to-day, for she doesn't look a day over 28, although she is the mother of three children, one of them Gloria, 20 years old.

Miss Swanson has the same trim figure, twinkling legs, gorgeous blue eyes, pert profile, blonde hair with just a faint touch of gray under the temples, and a smooth, flawless complexion. The actress has not aged at all, probably because she has refused to. This is entirely significant of her character.

Of all people, she strikes you as the most self-made person you ever came across. The daughter of an army officer, she became one of the biggest names in pictures, was the sensation of France and is now coming back to the screen in "Father Takes a Wife."

"I just wanted to go back and do one more picture," she said, "my last was so bad. This part is just right for me."

Her New York City apartment on Fifth Avenue is the kind of a place where a little table in front of the sofa holds, in neat array, ten very expensive ash trays, and two very simple but expensive cigarette boxes. The place is huge and probably swarms with butlers and fifth assistant dish dryers. But Miss Swanson, quite correctly, feels it's all hers and she made it all herself. Right now she is in big business, developing patents. She has a new cutting metal that is making loads of money. She has put a new plastic on the market and a new type of dictating machine.

Like all successful people, she is ready and eager to give a formula for a better world. "When I was a little child in school, I had the idea of an aristocracy of achievement, where people who built up the nation, who created would not only be richly rewarded with material things but even with honours and titles. Where we could not inherit what others had made and amassed, but where we would have to strive toward a goal of achievement."

TALBOT LAKE

THE PRICE
OF WASTE

NOT all soldiers are good soldiers, and there are times when even a good soldier fails to think of what he is doing.

The Lad from the Elephant and Castle was sitting on his bed, busily scraping at his second-best trousers with a bathbrick.

From time to time he looked furtively about him.

Somebody asked him what he thought he was playing at, and the Lad replied:

"I put me old suit in for exchange. It looks a disgrace. We wasn't issued canvases when first we come. I done con-satigues and dust-ole-fatigues in this suit."

She'd found her seven-mile away on 'er back among some rocks.

"Poor Nell was thin and ill. She was dead tired and real bad. But she didn't rest for so much as a sip o' water.

"She was gone two hours. Then she kem back. She was 'oldin' a new-born pup in 'er bathbrick.

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"I put me old suit in for exchange. It looks a disgrace. We wasn't issued canvases when first we come. I done con-satigues and dust-ole-fatigues in this suit."

"She made that journey four times, bringing back a

A further episode in the
PRIVATE LIFE OF
A PRIVATE
the diary of a journalist
now in the Army



TO FIGHT REDS—Volunteers of the Blue Division of Spain, who are anti-Communists, bid farewell to relatives in Madrid before leaving to fight with the Germans against the Russians on the Eastern Front.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

1.45 Elisabeth Welch in Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

0.00 Indian Programme.

0.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

0.47 Light Orchestral Recital.

2.05 Della—Sea Drift.

John Brownlee (Baritone); London Select Choir and The London Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.30 Portuguese Programme.

3.00 London Relay—The News.

3.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

3.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily Propaganda.

3.30 Programme Summary.

3.32 Request Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—My Sister and I; Leo Reisman and His Orchestra; White Kisses In The Dark; Alex Moore presents Mantovani's Orchestra for Dancing; Quick-Step—The Chestnut Tree; Jack Hilton and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—'I'll Never Smile Again'; Victor Silvester and His Orchestra; Samba—, YI YI YI (I Like You Very Much) (From film "That Night In Rio"); Blue Danube (Johann Strauss); The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

11.15 London—Makers of History.

11.15 Close Down.

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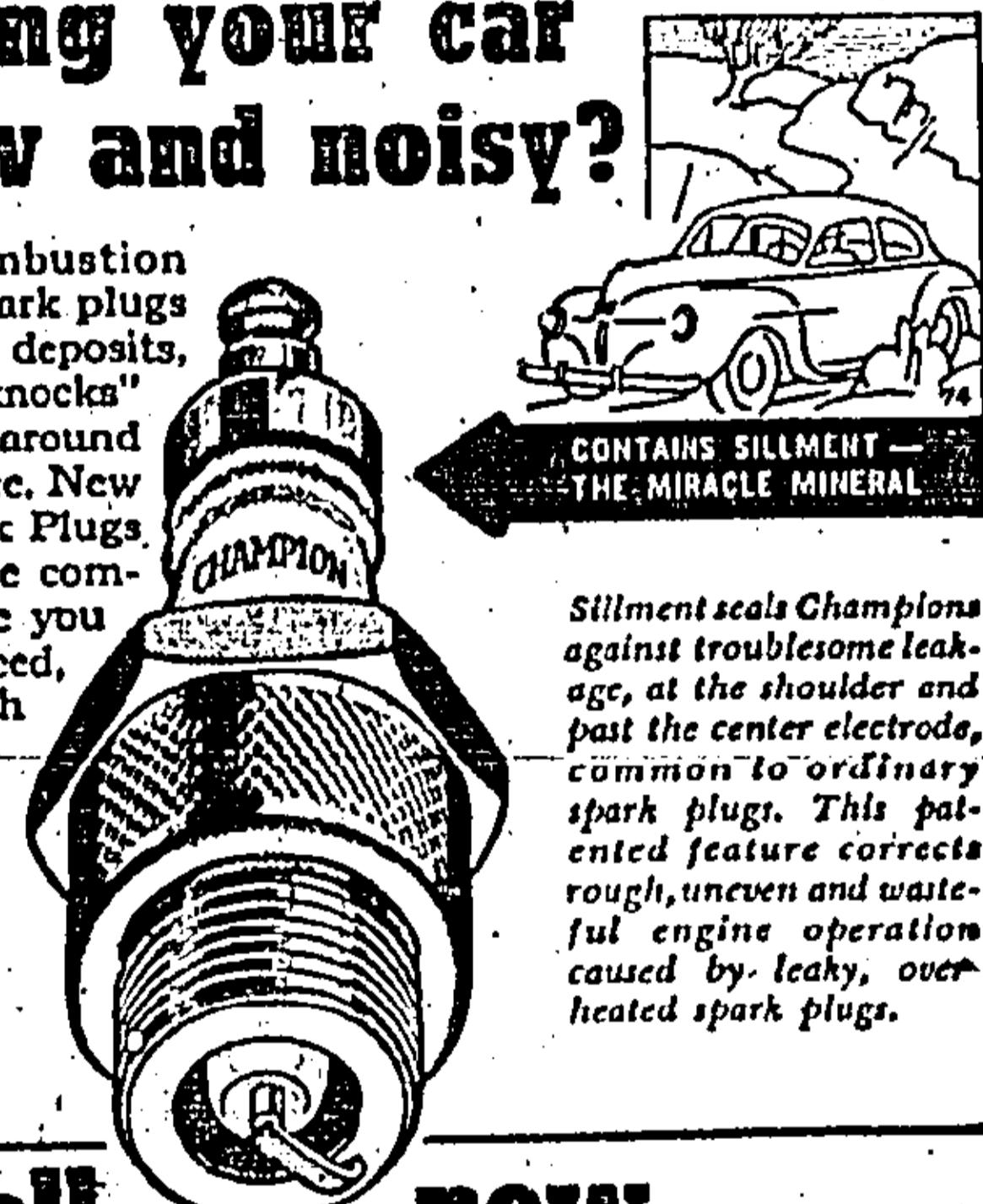
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

Friday, Sept. 19, 1941.
Wyndham St., Hongkong
Telephone: 20015

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COLONY'S ECONOMIC WAR EFFORT

HONGKONG is making an economic war effort, but what it is—outside of paying war taxation and bearing the burden of evacuation—one can only guess and hope. Quite reasonably, those who are in control of this effort declare that it would be contrary to its interest and effectiveness to reveal many of its features, yet surely there is information of excellent propaganda value which could be made public. Cables are constantly being received in Hongkong and published in the newspapers of the different forms the war effort is taking in countries like India, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Africa. Why then should Hongkong so shyly hide its light under the bushel?

Without giving away information vital to the enemy, the Economic War Effort Committee could release statements about the progress of the work which would serve to stimulate the public imagination and would, almost certainly, quicken their desire to make greater personal contributions towards the war effort. This is something about which the public should be taken into confidence, discreetly, of course, but with a view to securing an active response. Complete silence firstly irritates, then creates apathy, and neither tends to encourage realisation of the Colony's war effort potential.

Additionally there are material signs that the Colony is in real danger of being deprived of its war effort effectiveness through circumstances which should be possible to correct. The fact that a number of Hongkong's industries are being forced to close down because it is impossible to obtain raw materials is an alarming prospect, for they are the type of industries which could and should be converted into manufacturing centres for much needed war goods. Shipping is scarce, but it is difficult to believe that space could not be found for materials which are to be converted into war necessities. An official review of the subject would be welcome.

KING LEOPOLD'S LOYAL CO-OPERATION WITH THE ALLIES

History of Events Which Forced Him at

Last to Forewarn Them of Surrender

with the British Army if it sidered that a withdrawal to the southward was a physical impossibility not fully appreciated. He lity under the pressure the would like above all other things enemy were exerting. A to co-operate with us, but it was withdrawal over roads thronged a physical impossibility under with refugees, without ade the existing geographical con quate fighter cover, would be ditions. His Government had costly and would only end in been urging him to leave Belgium disaster; moreover, it would um before the Belgian Army found it necessary to capitulate. their ammunition, stores and Of course, he had no intention food.

On the other hand, his G.H.Q. declared that a British counter attack on the vulnerable flank of the enemy must be undertaken if a disaster was to be averted, and that the opportunity might only last a few more hours.



Leopold of the Belgians

THE flood of poisonous I sent a telegram to this strong position on the Scheldt effect to the Prime Minister and to a very much weaker one before directed at King Leopold after the capitulation of the Belgian Army in May, 1940, was, of course, inspired by certain Frenchmen seeking a scapegoat to cover their own failures and shortcomings.

As I was with King Leopold at the headquarters of his army throughout the brief campaign in Belgium, and at the same time in close touch with the headquarters of the British Army and Government, I had unrivalled opportunities for observing the course of events. I am glad to have this opportunity of declaring that King Leopold was steadfast in his loyalty to the Allies and did everything in his power to help their armies.

The King's bearing was always calm and courageous under the heavy blows he and his people suffered through the treachery of Germany, and the failure of the French to prevent the German armoured columns from forcing the Meuse at Sedan, and thus from threatening the right flank of the Allied French-British-Belgian Army to the northward.

King Leopold had placed himself and his Army under the French High Command. In accordance with the orders he received, and conforming with the movements of the French Northern Army and the British Army, the Belgian Army had to retire day after day until it reached the Scheldt, where it was hoped that a final stand would be made. The Belgian G.H.Q. was established at St Andre, outside Bruges.

On May 20 the French High Command ordered the British and French Armies to prepare to fight to the south-westward to regain contact with the main French Army to the southward. I was at the British G.H.Q. at Wahagnies when these orders were received and it was generally recognised that the abandonment of the Belgian Army was inevitable unless it could conform with this movement.

The King of the Belgians thereupon asked me to inform him that the Belgian French-British offensive had army existed solely for defence but this had been delayed too long and, and possessed neither tanks nor this late hour, the only hope of

aircraft, nor the equipment for extricating the French and on learning of the heavy attacks offensive warfare. Owing to British armies which had been towards Ypres and the imminent influx of refugees, not more cut off by the German thrust than 14 days' food remained in the small part of Belgium left Belgian ports and Dunkirk at Pernesque to ask Lord Gort if he did not feel that he strengthened contact with the if there was anything I could do for the British Army to do that the Belgian Army and occupying to help. He asked me to urge British Government to consider the Lys-Gravelines line.

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in order to keep contact with the British troops on his

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Simon On Atlantic Charter

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Speaking at the annual conference of the Liberal National Council in London, Lord Simon said it was impossible to exaggerate the significance of the joint signing of the Atlantic Charter.

In reference to Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Simon said that there had never been a more striking example of wise statesmanship than when the Prime Minister, after Hitler's treacherous attack on Russia, went to the microphone the same evening and told the world that Russia was from that moment Britain's close ally.

Nazi-Vichy Chambers Of Commerce

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—A session of the French and German Chambers of Commerce began today in Paris and will last until September 21, states a Paris dispatch to the official German news agency.

The purpose of the session, it is stated, is to discuss Franco-German collaboration in the organization of commerce.

Delegates taking part will be given an opportunity to visit Paris and make a trip to Nantes where the harbour works will be inspected.

Free France And N.E.I.

De Gaulle's Message

BATAVIA, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—On his return to London, General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, cabled Major-General Terpoorten, Chief of Staff of the Netherlands East Indies army, as follows:

"I hear you have accepted membership in the Committee of Friends of Free France in agreement with the Government. I wish to thank you profoundly for this proof of your friendship towards Free France, the guardian of France's honour. I know your determination to guard the N.E.I. against all aggression and I am certain our common enemies will never succeed in compromising the work of civilisation carried on by your country and mine in the Far East. (Signed) General de Gaulle."

Japanese Leaving India And Malaya

SINGAPORE, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Mrs. Ken Tsumuri, wife of the Japanese Consul-General in Singapore, is among about 100 Japanese (mainly residents affected by the "freezing" order) going to Japan aboard the N.Y.K. steamer Hakone Maru, which arrived bringing 77 Japanese evacuees from Bombay and Colombo.

Japanese circles maintained that Mrs. Tsumuri's trip was planned long ago and was accelerated owing to her son's illness at home and not due to the political tension.

It is expected that 600 Japanese evacuees from Malaya will sail on the official evacuation ship Fuzo Maru, which is expected at Singapore on September 21.



AILING WOUNDED—A Russian doctor and a nurse give aid to a wounded German flier, Ernest Reetz. At left, another prisoner taken by the Reds has his head bandaged, but smiles.

Gallant Fight Against Heavy Odds By British Motorship

The gallant fight against heavy odds put up by the Australian and English crew of the motorship Rabaul with a German raider has been told to the "Sydney Sun" by a survivor who hails from Sydney.

Against eight six-inch guns, fired point-blank, the gunners of the Rabaul fought on until the ship was on fire and sinking. Some of them died at their post.

In the battle two Australians and seven Englishmen were killed and three Australians were wounded.

The narrator, 19-year-old Irving King, of Vaucluse, Sydney, states that markings on the bunks of the raider, the Temesis, prove that she was converted and armed in Japan.

The Rabaul, a motorship of 5,018 tons, and owned by W. R. Carpenter and Co., was sunk in the South Atlantic, but the survivors of the engagement were rescued near the coast of Spain.

Irving King told "The Sun" that the Rabaul was in the South Atlantic, bound for the Middle East. It was a cloudy night when the lookout sighted the raider Temesis, which poured in six-inch shells when the skipper refused to scuttle the Rabaul.

"In all," said King, "21 shells struck the Rabaul, causing fires and lighting up a horrifying scene. We lay down in an alleyway, clad in pyjamas and thinking that death was near. The flames forced us up on deck.

Shelling Ceased

"After what seemed an eternity the shelling ceased. Burning oil covered the deck and the Rabaul was listing so badly that I slithered into the scuppers where I was badly burnt by acid from burst containers.

"We lowered a life-boat in the blinding glare of the Temesis's searchlight. The Temesis began to move, causing us to fear we were gone, because the life-boat was leaking and the water-casks had been holed; but the Germans were manoeuvring to shelter us while they helped us aboard. They also lowered a launch to search for survivors.

"The Temesis is a ship of 8,000

tons, does 10 knots and is wonderfully equipped with eight six-inch guns and many anti-aircraft guns. She has also a small seaplane which is employed from daylight to dusk, seeking victims."

King said that the Temesis possessed special spacious air-conditioned holds for prisoners, and good food. The hospital had two surgeons and X-ray equipment.

The prisoners were allowed to be on deck for four hours a day.

King went on: "We were transferred from the Temesis to the Japara a 3,000-ton supply ship from Brazil. She had no prepared accommodation for prisoners, but her crew did their utmost to make us comfortable.

"The Temesis, to prevent us mutinying, sent four guards with a machine-gun and hand-grenades to the deck and the Rabaul was batten down in the event of its repetition.

"The days passed unevenly, and we all grew beards because there was only one razor among 78 prisoners.

Transferred Again

"We were transferred again, this time to the Alstertor, which was a converted banana-ship—with first-class prisoners' accommodation. She had a crew of 17-year-old cadets. We were permitted to be on deck all day."

Describing the rescue, King said that a Catalina flying-boat appeared and the Alstertor's captain told the

prisoners that night that they would have equal chances with the German crew.

"The Alstertor raced for Spain and the Germans evidently feared the game was up because they prepared rafts."

"The captain superintended the bringing up of a stretcher, with Red Cross markings, for two wounded men."

"We sighted British warships at 2 p.m. and the skipper told us to jump for our lives as the ship was being scuttled."

"We rowed to a warship and I was nearly made prisoner because I was wearing a souvenired German Cap."

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Macao Racing Resumes With Sunday's September Meeting

Special Sweep On Governor's Cup: First Prize Over \$10,000

Portuguese Jockeys In Making

AFTER AN ELAPSE of a few months the Macao Jockey Club will resume racing on Sunday and very satisfactory entries have been received for their September meeting at Areia Preta.

The most important event on the programme of six races is the Governor's Cup presented by the Macao Governor and the cup is to be won twice in succession by a "D" class China pony or ponies, the bona fide property of the same owner or owners.

It is interesting to recall that the last Governor's Cup (donated by the late Dr A. T. de Sousa Barbosa) won outright was captured by Meadow Eve belonging to Mr Liang Hau-yuen, the Chinese senator of the Macao Legislative Council.

However, the new trophy, kindly presented by His Excellency Commander G. M. Telles, has attracted no less than 14 nominations and it may please the Macao Governor to know that a good field will face the start.

Though class does not predominate among the entry, we have a few top notchers and the event has a double attraction owing to special dollar cash sweep being conducted.

It is learned that the sale is now approaching the 25,000 mark and this should give the lucky drawer or the first pony a prize of over \$10,000.

Coming Jockey

ALL sportsmen know that J. N. Linsco da Silva is a fine hockey player, but one would hardly believe that in a little over a year the Macao interpreter has piloted six ponies to victory.

As a result of his fine achievements in the saddle, a few Portuguese youths have decided to trail him and it is reliably learned that half a dozen novices residing in Macao will be seen in action on Sunday.

It is to be hoped that the Portuguese Colony will soon be able to provide their own jockeys and I see no reason for the failure.

Curtain Raiser

Wan Chai Handicap

THE curtain raiser will be the Wan Chai Handicap for "Y" class China ponies and it is a scramble over half a mile to be ridden by novices.

Looking over the list of handicaps, Fairy Auk appears to have a sporting chance of crossing the wire first, but it should be remembered that the grey in the Chairman's Cup ran out after passing the track confined to African soldiers. This pony may do it again with a "greenhorn" jockey. Fairy Ousei would have been more fancy if the handicapper had not given the limit load. Meadow Eve is nicely weighted and he has certainly my vote. The most dangerous is Victory Life.

Hark Sha Wan H'cap (2nd Section)

Interesting Novice Event

THE Hark Sha Wan Handicap (second section) for "E" class China ponies is another interesting novice event over

Selections

My selections are as follows:
Wan Chai Handicap
 Meadow Eve
 Fairy Ousei
 Fairy Auk
Hark Sha Wan Handicap (Second Section)
 Black Diamond
 National Anthem
 Hopeful Time
Perth Handicap
 Buckfastleigh
 Rising Star
 Tarzan
Adelaide Handicap
 National Victory
 Tobaccoshop
 Maple Star
Governor's Cup
 Rose Queen
 Eve of Hunting
 Royal Wedding Eve
Hark Sha Wan Handicap (First Section)
 Desert Star
 Radium Star
 Plet Hein

China ponies will terminate the meeting and the run is over six furlongs to be ridden by novices.

Ten ponies have been assigned to this section and the contest is going to be a good event.

Plet Hein and King's Worthly share the top weight of 150 lb, while Mac's Adventure and Sports Venture are at the bottom of the list.

On the book Plet Hein should have an easy passage, but I prefer Desert Star—the winner of 1938 Valley Stakes. The difference of weights is a stiff proposition to Plet Hein.

When they clashed in the Ma Kok Handicap (first section), over six furlongs on June 15, the winner (Plet Hein) had a pull of 11 lb

against the second pony (Radium Star), whereas on Sunday the latter has an advantage of 10 lb. in his favour.

The rider J. Nolasco cannot claim jockey allowance it being a novice event, and in the circumstance, Plet Hein is at further disadvantage.

By no means are Mac's Adventure and Sports Venture out of the running provided, of course, both jockeys can tip the scales at 135 lb.

Governor's Cup

S.W. Lee Making Strong Bid For Main Event

Challenge From Rose-Queen

MRS. W. LEE is making a strong bid to secure the first leg of the Governor's Cup and the nominator has Eve of Hunting, Just In Time, Smiling Time, This Time and West Lake to fight the issue out.

It is not to be expected that all will go to the post, but judging from the book form there is

good reason to believe that Eve of Hunting and West Lake will be carrying his colours.

In my opinion Just In Time is not a miler and I am inclined to believe that Smiling Time and This Time are not yet ready.

Royal Wedding Eve will be racing under Mr J. M. Roehn's colours instead of Mr Bill Stanton's. The mare does not appear to be in the same form as when she ran away with the Hunter's Cup in Fanning on March 23.

Formidable

ROSE-QUEEN is too well known to require any introduction, but nobody can deny the fact that the mare has a reputation of letting her supporters down without reason.

She has never made a trip to the Portuguese colony and whether Rose-Queen is a bad sailor or not, is, of course, a matter for speculation.

However I have a strong belief that the excursion trip will be to the mare's liking.

I am not trying to discount Eve of Hunting's chances, but Mr Lee's candidate will have to be at the top condition to stave off the challenge of Rose-Queen. There is no flaw in the allotment of weights, for both have been handicapped on the strength of their last running.

A Good Thing

LOVELY STAR has been whispered a good thing, but the bay in my estimation is attempting out of his distance and I doubt he will get a place.

Sunlight View has been kindly treated by the weight adjuster with the lowest impost and the mare is worth \$5 each way.

After an absence of ten months, Clowns has returned to the course and the brown is looking well. He is not yet ready, and I doubt if Mr Fielden's candidate will make the trip.

Mauber is making her debut among the "D" class runners and the mare is good for a long shot.



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Aquatic Gala Activity This Week-end

Volunteer Corps And Inter-Services Meeting

Close Racing Anticipated

(By "Tinker")

THIS WEEK-END sees another spate of aquatic activity. To-morrow will be held the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps championships in conjunction with an inter-Services Meet in the Army pool at 9 p.m., while commencing to-night and continuing on Sunday and Monday will be Hongkong Chinese Swimming championships—postponed from Wednesday and Thursday.

This latter Meet was originally scheduled to be held at North Point, but typhoon damage has rendered this impossible, and with the permission of the Victoria Recreation Club, will now be held at the latter's pool, starting each of the three nights at 7.30 p.m.

Events and entries for both these games have already been published. To-morrow's function in the Army pool will be in aid of the British Prisoners of War Fund, and a bumper crowd is expected, not only for the worthiness of the cause, but because excellent competition is expected.

Relay races are ever an attraction, and in this the military Meet will satisfy all for practically all events are relays. There will be four races for the Corps Championship, four in the inter-Services programme, three invitation races and two diving.

Undoubtedly, greatest interest will be shown in the Corps Inter-Unit events, and for ultimate honours it should be a great sight between the Mobile Column and the Portuguese Companies.

Nucleus of the Mobiles are Noel Hammond, David Hutchinson and N. D. Booker, the latter taking part in all four events. Stalwarts of the Portuguese Companies are Luiz M. Remedios, E. da Roza and J. M. and G. N. Gosano.

But the swimmer with the most on his hands is E. A. Roberts of the No. 3 Machine Gun Company, for he has five races to consider, two for the Corps in the inter-Services events.

Provision has been made for the women in two races. The first over one length (the pool is 33.3 yards long) open to the Nursing Detachment, the A.R.P. and the Auxiliary Nursing Service.

THE original programme for the Chinese gala was one of two days, but the events have now been divided into three. The actual order is not yet decided, but whatever they are swimming enthusiasts are again

University Championships

The Hongkong University Swimming Club will hold their ninth annual Inter-Hostel Swimming Championships in the European Y.M.C.A. pool to-morrow afternoon, Saturday, at 2 p.m.

assured of a very fine series of races.

As in the Volunteer Meet, there are many aspirants for the Colony titles taking part.

Particular interest will be shown in the men's 50 and 100 metre sprints, for hero Tsui Hang, the Eastern A.A. star who has done so brilliantly this year, is opposed to Ng Nin, the Sing Tao champion.

In this meet, however, there are only three relays out of the 15 events, these being the men's and women's 200 metres free-style and the men's 400 metres free-style races.

The whole is in aid of the Orthopaedic Centres of Free China, and the fund should benefit by a considerable amount.

Notable absentee from the women's events is Miss Ko Mu-ling, of Lal Tsun. But all the other women stars are there.

The 100 metres and the 50 metres free-style, therefore, are more open, with Miss Ho Wan-king, of the Chinese Bathing Club, having the slight edge. But Miss Ho and Miss Ko together would have resulted in a very fine tussle over these two distances.

Football In India

Bombay, Sept. 18. The British Infantry team, runners-up in the Bombay League championship, to-day defeated East Bengal, runners-up in the Calcutta League, in the quarter-finals of the Rovers Cup football tournament.—Reuter.

Successful Year For Badminton Association

Record Attendances At Championships

REPORT of the 1940-41 Badminton season reveals that an unqualified successful season has just been completed—this, in respect of standard of play, public interest and finance.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on September 26 at 5.30 p.m. on the Board Room of the S. C. M. Post.

Water-polo Turney

Trophy For Competition Among Top Eight Teams

After a lapse of several weeks through military exercises, the European Y.M.C.A. Water-polo Tournament was resumed yesterday evening in the Army pool when two matches were held.

There is a big programme of matches for Sunday morning in the Y.M.C.A. Army and Navy pools and it is confidently expected that the Tournament will end before the end of the month. The European Y.M.C.A. Knockout Tournament for a handsome silver challenge Cup which has just been presented anonymously to the Tournament.

"Y" 7, R. Scots 1

European Y.M.C.A. were too good for Royal Scots "B" in the opening match and won 7-1. Booker (3), R. Goldman (2) and L. A. Benn (2) scored for Y.M.C.A. and Byrne for Scots.

Signals 5, 5th A. A. 1

In the second game Royal Corps of Signals beat 5th A. A. Regiment, R. A. 5-1 in a keen encounter. Dignan (3), Allen and Pitcher scored for Signals and Giblin for the Ack-Acks.

Hawaii Has One Of World's Best Swimmers

HAWAII has produced one of the world's greatest swimmers since the days of Duke Kahanamoku in the person of Bill Smith, Jr., a 17-year-old aquatics star, who splashed his way to a new world record for the 800 metres free-style on July 24 when he clocked 9 min. 53.5 secs.

Bill Smith's feat is an astonishing one when one compares his time with that of the previous record holder, Shozo Makino, of Japan, who had previously clocked 9 mins. 55.8 seconds at the Melji Shrine Pool, Tokyo, in 1935.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

New Shah Will Restore Father's Wealth To Iran

TEHERAN, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The new Shah has decided to restore to the nation his father's property which includes much wealth, according to newspaper reports published to-day.

The reports add that the new Shah conveyed this decision to his Ministers immediately after taking the oath.

Anglo-Soviet Troops

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Following a conference of Anglo-Russian commanders, British and Russian staff officers have entered Teheran to arrange for briefing.

The British advance came from the south and the Russian from the east and west. Those coming from the east travelled by train to within five miles of Teheran, from where they marched into the city. Most of them were armed with automatic rifles. Others drew heavy machine-guns mounted on small wheels. They have now encamped in an Iranian machine-gun factory.

Major Baseball

Pittsburgh Pirates Nose Out Dodgers

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers received a setback to-day at the hands of Pittsburgh Pirates in the National Baseball League, being nosed out 6-5. Scores were:

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn—Fitzsimmons, French, Hamlin	5	6	2
Casey, Owen	1	1	0
Pittsburgh—Lanning, Sewell, Lopez	10	1	0
Philadelphia—Gardner, Purcell	0	1	0
Battery—Hughes, Grissom, Livingston	0	2	0
Cincinnati—Starck, Lombardi	3	0	2

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday

	OLD COURSE
9.10 T. E. Perce, K. S. Morrison	
9.20 P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland	
9.24 D. O. Baldwin, B. S. Church	
9.25 G. T. Lowry, R. C. Gardner	
9.26 Capt. Thirby, G. C. Altkerhead	
9.27 J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay	
10.12 A. C. W. E. Bishop, G. M. Park	
10.16 D. S. Robb, A. E. Lissaman	

Relief For Poles Kept In Russia

BOMBAY, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—A Polish relief expedition is going to Russia shortly in order to bring relief to thousands of Poles who, as a result of the war, found themselves in Russian territories, mostly in Siberia, Turkistan and Kazakhstan.

The Mission is being organised by the Polish Consul-General under the orders of the Polish Government in London.

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Americans Remaining In Free China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (UP).—

While the question of evacuating Americans from various parts of the Far East has become one of increasing gravity, between eight and nine hundred Americans are continuing to live and work in much-bombed Free China with little thought or worry about evacuating.

In fact, the number of Americans in Free China is believed to be slightly increasing as missionaries are arriving from occupied areas while an increasing number of American technicians and advisers and Americans of other categories are coming to assist China's war effort.

Exact Figures Unknown

The exact number of Americans residing in Free China is unknown, but as of January 1 this year, there were 840 Americans registered as residing in the Kunming consular district, which embraces most of Free China.

Of this number 620 were adults. Approximately 520 were missionaries, 20 were employees of the United States government, 20 were employees of various Chinese government organizations, 12 were business men and 10 were newspaper men. The total does not include the personnel of the gunboat U.S.S. Tutuila—three officers and about 16 men.

These figures did not include a number of Americans visiting China from time to time, who do not register with the consulate.

By the end of this year the total number of Americans in Free China will probably increase to the neighbourhood of 1,000, with the expected arrival of an American Medical commission for the Yunnan-Burma railhead, a group of American volunteer pilots, mechanics and ground crew men, and transportation experts and technicians for the Burma road.

Main Gateways

The main artery through which Americans leave and enter China freely is the China National Aviation Corporation's unique Hongkong-Chungking airline. Planes on this route fly preferably in dull overcast weather and cross Japanese lines at night. They have no beacons or other ordinary aviation aids, but have a few possible emergency landing fields.

The secondary gateway is through Burma, either through the Chungking-Rangoon airline or the Burma road. This gateway may be supplemented later by an airline through northern Burma to India.

There is possible entrance and exit by way of Shantung and the U.S.S.R. This route may either be by plane or car, but thus far it had only been used by a handful of newspaper men and embassy officials.

Only the recovery of Manchuria will remove the source of Chinese-Japanese friction and establish permanent peace in the Far East.

Nine Power Pact

Thirdly, the signatures of the Nine-Power Pact and all anti-aggression nations have legal and moral obligations to assist China in the recovery of Manchuria.

If parts of territories belonging to Britain or United States were occupied by an enemy, what would they think? What would they do?

We are confident that they would not rest until such territories are completely recovered.

Under the provisions of the Nine-Power Pact, the signatories guaranteed China's territorial and administrative integrity.

While expecting assistance from the Powers, China will continue to fight until Manchuria is recovered.

It is also noteworthy that the Mukden Incident marked the beginning of a series of aggression in different parts of the world. As we Chinese observe this solemn occasion, we trust that the Powers will increase their assistance to help China defeat this violator of world peace.

Philippine Publisher Leaving For Yunnan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Central News).—Dr Carlos P. Romulo, publisher and editor-in-chief of the D. M. H. M. chain of newspapers in the Philippines, who arrived here from Hongkong on September 18 on a fact-finding visit, left for Kunming this morning by air.

After a brief stop-over in Kunming, he will continue his journey by air to Burma and the South Seas regions.

Dr Romulo interviewed Government leaders and was entertained at dinner by General Wu Te-chon, Secretary-General of the Central Party Headquarters.

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Chief Rabbi's Message To World Jewry

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).

"Only a triumphant victory of Britain and her Allies will finally exercise the demoniac terror which hangs over Continental populations," said the Chief Rabbi, Dr J. H. Hertz, in a Rosh Hashanah or New Year message to World Jewry commemorating the opening of the New Year, 5,702.

Amid all the horror and agony of the present, the faithful Jew heard the call of his solemn festival. "Return ye children of men to your Father, who is in heaven."

He stated that the sacred summons to re-dedication to eternal values would be heeded by all Israel. He said that to the Israelite in free countries such re-dedication would include, alongside of the utmost national service and sacrifice, participation in human salvaging rendered necessary by war as well as tireless effort to ensure the rearing of their men and women of to-morrow "to do justly with mercy and walk humbly with God."

MUKDEN INCIDENT

Meeting In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Central News).—Solemnity and determination marked the meeting of some 300 natives of the four Northeastern Provinces in Chungking held this morning in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Mukden Incident.

The meeting hall was decorated with patriotic slogans and quotations from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's anniversary message pledging the recovery of the northeastern provinces as the goal of China's war of resistance.

General Li Tu, well-known Manchurian volunteer leader, presided.

Integral Part of China

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—China's attitude regarding Manchuria is outlined by an official "Central Daily News" leading article which states:

"Firstly, Manchuria is an integral part of China from the standpoints of geography, culture, language, religion, customs, habits, psychology, thoughts and other racial characteristics or from history, government, political system and law and other national characteristics."

"The Japanese have been using the term 'Manchou' in an effort to impress the foreign public of its separate unity. We wish to draw the attention of the Powers that Manchuria is and will be China's northeastern province."

"Secondly, the recovery of Manchuria is one of the aims of China's resistance. Manchuria's territorial administrative sovereignty must return to China. As regards future trade and economic co-operation, China is prepared to negotiate treaties with Powers on a basis of equality and reciprocity with preference to none."

"Only the recovery of Manchuria will remove the source of Chinese-Japanese friction and establish permanent peace in the Far East."

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FAKIR OF IPI

SIMLA, Sept. 18 (Reuter).

The Fakir of Ipi is rumoured to have advised his associates not to interfere with passenger lorries and to return from kidnapping Hindus living in tribal territories.

The Fakir's anxiety to spare passenger lorries is ascribed to resentment among some supporters at the robbing of Muslim passengers.

Indian Hostels

BOMBAY, Sept. 18 (Reuter).

The Government of Bombay have approved the construction of five hostels for children of Indian soldiers, each with accommodation for 40 boys, at a total cost of about £3,000.

Coxswain Summoned

At the Marine Court this morning, Comdr J. Lee adjourned a case to 10.30 a.m. on September 20 owing to the absence of the defendant, Cheng Kam-shiu, coxswain of the steam launch Lee Ying.

Cheng was summoned for unlawfully disobeying lawful orders of the Harbour Master by towing more than one junk through the southern entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter on September 4. It is alleged that Cheng was towing two junks of over 1,500 piculs capacity.

Italians Recaptured

RANCHI, Sept. 18 (Reuter).

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Border Fighting Revealed

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numbers at Tientsin to work on the construction of fortifications in Manchukuo. He said they were receiving less than one yuan (about five cents) a day.

The Japanese were reported to have staged a sham street fight—a sure way of collecting Chinese watchers—and then the Chinese were "shanghaied" and taken north.

The traveller said the Japanese were carrying on an anti-espionage campaign in north China, similar to the one taking place at the present time in Japan.

He said that at Mukden station porters were warned periodically not to answer questions, the luggage of all travellers is carefully examined and any native caught listening to a radio is shot. Foreigners caught listening to radio broadcasts are subject to immediate deportation.

Life Made Difficult

The traveller said life for foreigners and Chinese alike is most difficult in Manchukuo. Foreign goods are no longer available, while coal is strictly rationed for foreigners.

The Chinese are subject to complete rationing, even to salt, while millet is rationed at one cent and two ounces daily per person.

Clothing also is rationed and the prices fixed by the government are extremely low. The traveller said young men up to 20 years old are not permitted to wear stockings more than six months a year, while no more than one pair of shoes or slippers are permitted every three months.

The recent arrival from Manchukuo said he visited one small city where only two Chinese were permitted to eat rice and the others were limited to millet. One of the privileged Chinese was president of the chamber of commerce.

He said there was no famine at the present time and the harvest this year was excellent. However, much of the foodstuffs are expected to be exported to Japan.

Japanese Requests

Although Spokesman Solomon Lozovsky of the Soviet Information Bureau vehemently denied the "United Press" report from Shanghai that Japanese had made requests to Soviet Russia to consider the possibility of demilitarising Vladivostok and the maritime provinces, diplomats here understand the Japanese not only made the requests but recently increased their pressure on Moscow for a reply. The Japanese are said to have promised in return to fully respect the Russo-Japanese neutrality treaty.

The Japanese requests also included a guarantee that no Soviet bases would be ceded to the United States and a grant of further economic concessions in North Saghalien.

Foreign diplomats pointed out that the Russians just a few days before the outbreak of the Russo-German war denied there were any difficulties with Berlin and they said the Soviets obviously would not admit the Japanese had made such demands while negotiations were still in progress.

The tenor of press remarks in Tokyo, plus statements by Spokesman Koh Ishii of the information board regarding aid to Russia by the United States, have indicated the importance Japan attaches to relations with Soviet Russia.

Precautionary Moves
All observers still agree the Japanese moves in Manchukuo at the present time are precautionary. They believe the Japanese are preparing to move only if action is made necessary by developments in Europe or if Russia is drawn too closely into the British, American, Dutch and Chinese "encirclement" of Japan.

Informed sources, who recently had contact with Tokyo authorities, believe the Japanese are hopeful there will be no need of taking military moves against Russia. They say the Japanese believe they may be able to get all they want in the form of demilitarization and further economic concession through negotiations and the threat to use force, especially if the Soviets find their war against Germany growing increasingly difficult.

These informed sources said the Japanese basic policy is still southward—through Thailand. They said the Japanese believe that once they are in Thailand they will be in a position to press the United States and Great Britain for economic concessions involving the Netherlands East Indies.

Managing Partner Gives Evidence

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also a partner and personally invested some money in Tai Lee.

Names Partners

Who are the other partners?—I cannot tell.

How much money did you put into Tai Lee?—\$2,000.

And you don't know who the partners are?—I am not sure of all. I know some of them.

Let's have those you do know.

Tom Long-ying is one.

Where does he live?—Somewhere in Lockhart Road.

Who are the others?—Kwong Ming-kwong, who lives in Kowloon, and Lau Lai-ping, who used to live in Kowloon too. Those are all I know. I don't know who the others are.

Do you know when the Tai Lee firm was formed?—About December, 1940.

A few months after Pang Shiek and Tam had been formed?—There was a long time between. Pang Shiek and Tam was formed in 1939.

It's only a year afterwards.

Why was it formed?—I don't know.

They formed the company all of a sudden because they wanted to buy some wood.

They formed this for the purpose of buying timber?—For the purchase of a lot or consignment of wood.

Purchase of Sleepers

Would I be correct in saying it was formed for the purpose of purchasing railway sleepers?—Yes.

Would I also be correct in saying that most of your purchases were made from a man called K. C. Leung?

That I don't know. Since the purchase of the sleepers did not go through my hands, I cannot say.

Who is the Manager of Tai Lee?

Kwong Ming-kwong.

Where does he live?—As I have said, he lives in Kowloon.

He is one of the partners?—Yes.

Is he any relation to you?—No.

Let's get back to Pang Shiek and Tam. You told us just now that you never bought wood?—Yes.

Do you still say that?—We never bought any wood.

Denies Sales To Marsman's

Have you sold timber to Marsman's?

man's?—Pang Shiek and Tam never

sold timber to Marsman's?—Never.

Why did Marsman's say you have?

We have never sold wood to Marsman's. Perhaps it can be explained. When the Tai Lee Lumber Company was formed, the folks made use of our letter-paper which bore our name.

But Marsman's have produced

vouchers bearing the name of Pang Shiek and Tam for payment of thousands of dollars. Perhaps that is so, I don't understand it.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official

Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

Union Ins. \$400

H.K. Steamboats \$10.80

Docks \$10.60

Providents \$7.00

Hotels \$4.25

Humphreys \$8

Realities \$4.15

Chinese Estates \$100.25

Yaumati Ferries \$24

Lights "N" \$2.50

Telephones "N" \$2.50

Telephones "N" \$0.40

Cements \$17

Watsons \$13.25

Lane Crawfords \$0.20

Wm Powell \$1.65

Constructions "O" \$1.75

Sellers

Docks \$10.75

Providents \$7.00

Hotels \$4.30

Lands \$38.50

Trams \$10.40

Lights "O" \$7.60

Electrics "N" \$13.75

Cements \$17.15

Watsons \$13.75

Vibro Piling \$7

Sales

Bank of East Asia \$70

Union Ins. \$442 1/2/40

H.K. Steamboats \$11

Docks \$10.75/70

Providents \$7.30/55

Hotels \$4.20/30/25

Lights "O" \$7.50

Lights "N" \$2.55

Electrics "O" X.Rts \$24.25

Electrics "N" \$13.75

Cements \$17.25/15

Ropes \$10.50/60

Dairy Farms \$10.75

Watsons \$13.45/60

Lane Crawfords \$0.10

Sales

Box of 25 \$10

Barrels of 25 \$15

Humidor of 50 \$10

Humidor of 50 \$19

DE LUXE Box of 10 \$5

DE LUXE Box of 25 \$11

DE LUXE Box of 50 \$21

DE LUXE Camagon of 25 \$12.50

In CLASS TUBE Box of 10 \$5.70

New Duties On Medicines

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on which duty has not been paid is illegal as from 2 p.m. to-day.

Duty Paid Labels

Duty on proprietary medicines will be paid by means of duty-paid labels following the procedure adopted for toilet preparations. For the convenience of holders of stocks of proprietary medicines and the issue of duty-paid labels the Imports & Exports Office will be open till 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 20 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday September 21.

For the purposes of the order proprietary medicines means any medicine or prophylactic held out by advertisement, label or otherwise in writing as efficacious for the prevention, cure or relief of any malady affecting human beings, and—

(a) which is sold under a trade name or mark to the use of which any person has or claims to have an exclusive right;

(b) which any person has or claims to have exclusive rights of manufacture, or for the making of which any person has or claims to have any secret.

Toilet Preparations

Toilet preparations means any substance commonly used for the toilet and includes toilet soap, shaving soap and cream, toothpaste or powder and liquid preparations for dental purposes or mouth washes, perfume spirits, toilet paste or powder, toilet cream, hair dye, scented sachets, lipstick, rouge and grease paint, paraffins for use of manicure and chiropody preparations, whether medicinal or not for use on the hair, face or body, bath salts and essences, smelling salts and prepared Fuller's Earth.

Toilet preparations and proprietary medicines exclude any substances made and sold under the name or synonym specified in the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex.

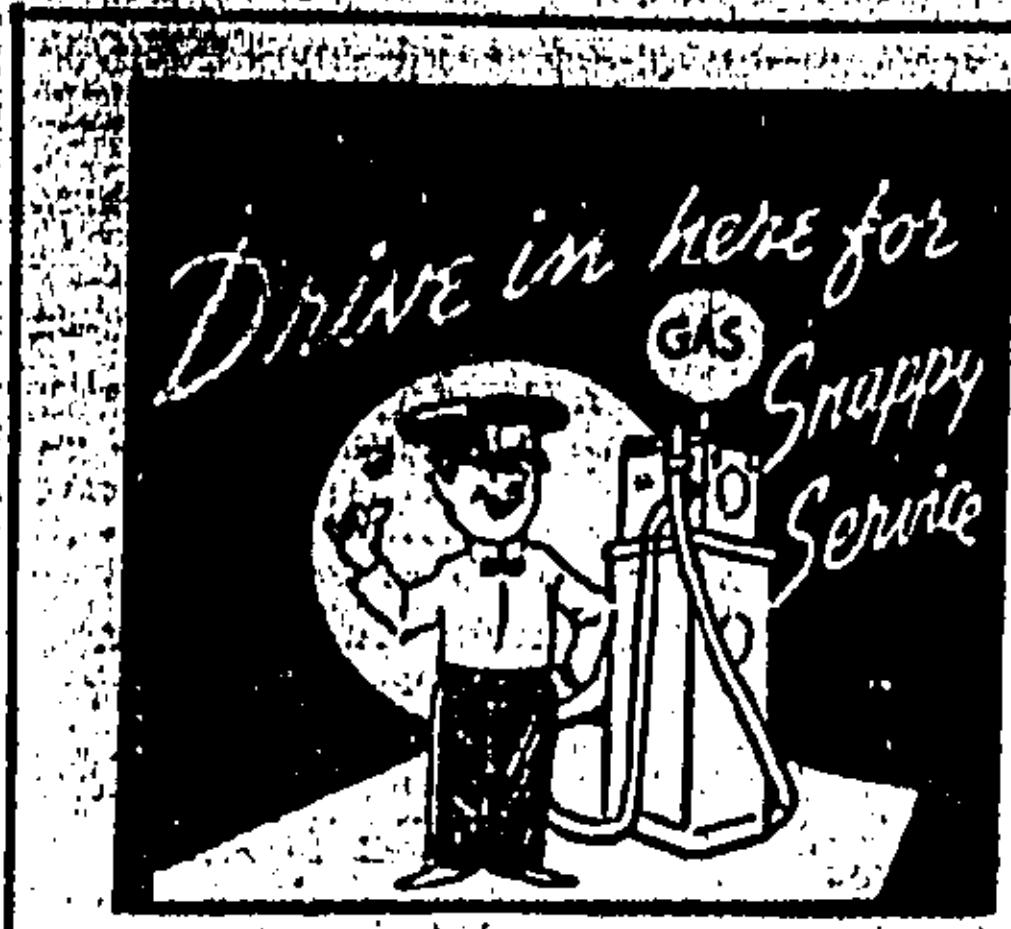
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Former Shanghai Man Now In German Prison Camp

His many friends in Hongkong and Shanghai will be glad to learn that a card has been received from Sergeant Jack Sheridan of the A.I.F. indicating that he is alive and well, although in a prison camp in Germany.

Sheridan is a member of a well-known Irish family at Shanghai and was wounded at Bardia in the early stages of the fighting in the Near East. Thereafter he took part in the Grecian campaign and nothing had been heard from him since April last.

He writes that the Australian troops in the German prison camps are doing well, but are in need of sweaters, socks and tobacco and also hard chocolate, as a supplement to their diet. This information may serve as a guide to any who intend sending parcels to the prisoner-of-war camps.

NEW DUTIES ON MEDICINES

Become Effective To-day

An order has been issued extending the present duties on "toilet preparations" to a combined duty on "proprietary medicines" and "toilet preparations" according to an order issued under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance and which comes

into force at 2 p.m. to-day.

Details of the order are published in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary" containing the authorisation of H.E. The Governor, Sir Mark Young.

Duty must be paid on all stocks in the Colony in other than bonded storage. Dealers, importers, manufacturers and retailers must declare their stocks of proprietary medicines to Mr E. V. Hamilton, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, as soon as possible, and pay duty on the stocks.

Stocks in bonded storage or in the hands of manufacturers will be subject to the provisions of dutiable commodities Ordinance.

The sale of proprietary medicines

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BORDER FIGHTING REVEALED

Japanese And Soviets In Recent Incidents SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18 (UP).—The closure of the Manchukuo-North China border and the Japanese forbidding foreigners to travel to and from Manchukuo has put the seal of silence around the tremendous Japanese movements there.

There is increasing belief in Shanghai diplomatic quarters that the Japanese and Russians are engaged in an undercover diplomatic struggle that approaches in intensity, to the Japanese-United States "war of nerves" although neither Tokyo nor Moscow acknowledges the existence of such a struggle.

With increasing Japanese supervision of communications, the news from the north will be increasingly scarce aside from the official reports from neutral countries possessing contacts in these areas.

Traveller's Story

A foreign traveller just arriving from Manchukuo told the United Press that fighting on a "considerable scale" took place on the Manchukuo-Siberian border. He said numerous wounded soldiers were arriving at Harbin, indicating that most of the fighting took place around Nonoman, while reports also were heard of fighting on the Amur river front.

The Japanese have officially admitted that such clashes took place but the Soviets have denied the reports. Most observers interpreted this to mean that the Russians were attempting to press amicable Soviet-Japanese relations to the world at a time when the Russo-German war was approaching one of the crucial points.

Big Military Movements

The traveller said there were tremendous military movements throughout Manchukuo and on the day he left Dairen 10,000 troops passed through the city en route to the north, while for several previous days heavy artillery and quantities of tanks and other military supplies were constantly moving in and out of the city.

He said blinds on train compartments were pulled down day and night while travelling in order to prevent travellers from observing troop movements. He said it was virtually impossible to obtain transportation due to the Japanese army requisitioning most of the railroads. At stations passengers were forced to carry their own luggage and armed sentries hurried them up and instructed them not to look behind.

The Japanese were reported to be holding air raid drills and taking other precautionary measures throughout Manchukuo. Blockouts have been held in the major cities and the Japanese were said to have been able to hold the natives to cooperate closely.

New Fortifications

The traveller said the Japanese had collected "coffles" in large

Terrorism In S'hai

Japanese Note To Municipal Council

SHANGHAI, Sept. 19 (Reuters).—The Japanese Consulate-General on Wednesday made representations to the Shanghai Municipal Council calling that body's attention to the recurrence of terroristic activities recently, according to the Japanese press which says that the following was drawn to the attention of the S.M.C. authorities:

Increasing numbers of Japanese have fallen victims to armed attack by terrorists who aimed at the indiscriminate assassination of Japanese military officers, men and police-men as well as civilians.

The Shanghai Municipal Police have paid due consideration to measures preventing these terrorist operations. The machinery of the Municipal Police should be revised on the basis of Japanese considerations and the position and authority of the Japanese Special Deputy Commissioner should be consolidated.

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Further Lend, Lease Funds Requested

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (UP).—President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress to-day requesting that \$5,985,000,000 be appropriated for the purpose of continuing Lend and Lease aid to the nations battling against the Axis through June 1943. He also requested permission to allocate Lend and Lease defence is considered vital to United States freedom; hence, he would be enabled to assist

the President sent an analysis of the proposed expenditures to Mr Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, as follows:

Ordnance and stores etc., including armour and munitions \$100,000,000, aircraft plus aeronautical materials \$685,000,000; tanks and armoured cars, automobiles and trucks, \$385,000,000; miscellaneous military equipment, \$155,000,000; facilities and equipment with which to produce defence materials including acquisition of land, \$375,000,000; agricultural, industrial and other commodities

STARTLING QUESTION PUT TO WITNESS AT TO-DAY'S ARP INQUIRY

"I suggest to you that you made a profit of over \$50,000 on these sleepers and that the sole reason you closed up this business was to escape the War Taxation Profits Tax Ordinance. Is that so?—That is not true. There is no ground for it."

The public court heard this dramatic question and answer at the resumed hearing this morning of the inquiry into matters affecting the architectural office of the A.R.P. Department when the chairman, Mr Justice P. E. F. Cressall, was examining Kwong Ming-kwong, manager and partner of the former Tai Lee Lumber Company.

Kwong also declared that he made a little over \$700 as his share of the profit from the sale of sleepers, and that his co-partner, who invested \$2,000 in the firm, got back \$300.

The whole of the proceedings were occupied in the examination of two witnesses, who testified to the sale of timber and sleepers to Marsman's and Chinese contractors.

Pang Shick, Manager and Partner of the firm of Pang Shick and Tam, was the first witness called.

Witness said that including himself there were seven partners in the business, known as Lau Lai-sing, Kwong Ming-kwong, Fung Man-fan, Kwong Yam-shan, Lam Long-ying and the Young Yick Company.

The chairman (Mr Justice P. E. F. Cressall): What is the Kwong Yick Co.?

Witness: A land investment company.

They are not timber merchants?—No.

Are they contractors in anyway?—They are not building contractors.

How much money did they put into the firm?—\$4,000.

Invested \$2,000

And did you put in \$4,000 also?—No, the amounts varied. I put in \$2,000 myself.

What is the highest amount anyone has put in?—The Kwong Yick Co. put in the highest amount, \$4,000.

What is the total share capital of Pang Shick and Tam?—\$12,000 odd.

When was the Company formed?—About the middle of 1930.

Before then the Company was not in existence?—Up to the middle of 1930 there was in existence a business in my name, Pang Shick.

What was that business?—I did work for the P.W.D., such as reclamation and salvage.

But you weren't in the timber trade?—No.

And it was only when you formed this Company in the middle of 1930 that you started to deal in timber?—Not even then. We have never dealt in wood.

You have never dealt in wood?—Never.

Never Sold Sleepers

Pang Shick and Tam have never sold sleepers to A.R.P. contractors?—Never.

What is the address of Pang Shick and Tam, 33 Queen's Road Central?—Yes.

Do you know the firm called Tai Lee Lumber Company?—Yes.

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15 Women Back From Australia

Govt Officials Plead Ignorance

Fifteen European women arrived in Hongkong this week from Australia and have landed here.

It cannot be ascertained from any of the authorities whether they are returned evacuees, but it is believed they carried transit visas—which permits them to land and remain in the colony for seven days.

Usually, too, this means that British people, enjoying this right to land, can remain in Hongkong indefinitely.

"Delicate Matter"

The "Telegraph" made persistent efforts yesterday afternoon to secure information from the recognised authorities but they pleaded ignorance. One official declared: "It is a delicate matter and no information can be given."

In reply to repeated protests by the Husband's Representation Committee, the late Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote made a public statement to the effect that except in very special cases instructions had been issued that no evacuees in Australia were to be granted transit visas for entry into Hongkong.

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Rubber Works Here In Difficulties

It is learned that most of the rubber works in Hongkong are experiencing difficulty in carrying on due to the lack of chemicals, which are necessary in the manufacture of rubber articles. This was confirmed this morning by the Labour Officer, Mr B. C. K. Hawkins.

He said that the works, with the exception of the Hongkong Rubber Manufactury, had not actually closed. Due to the war, it was difficult to obtain the chemicals from Europe, and the factories are now trying to obtain them from the United States.

The matter, added Mr Hawkins, had been taken up by the General Chamber of Commerce.

Negotiations between the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd and their artisans and factory staff, who had asked for an increase of wages, have been successful and the matter has now been settled.

The Safe Makers' Association and their masters are continuing negotiations on certain demands made by the employees.

Negotiations are also proceeding between the Tailors' Guild and the employers, and they have been given two weeks to arrive at a settlement.

BOMBAY, Sept. 18 (Reuters).—The tailors' guild has "now" moved through the successive stages of arbitration, obligation, arbitration and delivery. Additional funds are now needed so that there will be no interruption to the flow of goods to those countries whose defence is vital to our own.

ACTIVE DAY FOR THE RAF

Govt Officials Plead Ignorance

CAIRO, Sept. 18 (Reuters).—Harbours and shipping at Tripoli and Benghazi were attacked by heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm during the night of September 16-17, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

The communiqué continues: "The results of the bombings were obscured by low clouds but the pilots over Benghazi saw a tanker alongside the Julian Mole, which had been hit previously, still burning.

At Tripoli a large number of bombs fell in the target area. Dumps of stores at Bardia were raided and large fires resulted from the bombing.

Munition factories at Ligata, Sicily, were raided in daylight yesterday by bombers of the R.A.F. Two sheds in the north factory were hit, one exploding and the other collapsing. Large buildings in the centre of the south factory were demolished and one big shed was repeatedly hit. Clouds of smoke were visible many miles from the target.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy positions northeast of Axoz, some bombs bursting among trenches and buildings.

From all these operations none of our aircraft is missing."

Raid on Cairo

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuters).—It is stated here that in the raid on Cairo during the night of September 15-16, bombs were dropped in the Abbassia area, which is a suburb, and ten miles outside the city.

At Abbassia, there are barracks and an aerodrome quite near. The city itself was not bombed.

LATEST

Russian Strength Estimates

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (UP).—It is learned that an article in the naval periodical claims that with proper air support the Russian Navy should be able to hinder and even to prevent German armed forces from attempting to use the Baltic and Black Seas.

According to the official fighting ship manual for 1940, Russian claims that 112 new naval units were completed in 1939, and 163 new vessels were expected to be constructed in 1940.

Lloyd's Register for 1939 credited the Soviets with 716 merchant vessels of some 1,300,000 gross tons displacement, with sea frontiers in the Baltic Sea, Black Sea and on the eastern front facing Japan, the sea forces in any one locality seem too

small but they are sufficient to oppose the remaining units of the Nazi fleet.

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Willkie Pleads For China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (UP).—In a speech here to-day before 400 business men at the United China Relief Fund luncheon, Mr Wendell Willkie urged them to contribute generously. He described the shipment of war materials to Japan as a grave error.

He asserted that he was thankful for Chinese loyalty to the United States in the face of such shipments.

He also declared that a strong demonstration of sympathy for China, such as the over-subscription of funds past the five million dollar goal, would show Japan that China is still able to stand up."

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- British Empire and Foreign 25 cents per copy
- The Hongkong Telegraph
- China and Macao 10 cents per copy
- British and Foreign 20 cents per copy
- 25 cents Saturdays.

Parachute Into Bridal Gown

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UP)—When Richard K. West made a forced landing several years ago, he never dreamed that the parachute he used would one day become the gown of his bride. But it was.

Miss Betty Lingle, Evanston, Ill., wore a bridal gown made from the parachute when she was married to West.

After the marriage, the couple left for a flying honeymoon.

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RULES

The following Rules will govern the Competition:

1.—The Competition is open to all photographers.

2.—The entries awarded the Ilford Trophies for the best and second-best entries in the Competition, will not be entitled to any other prizes.

3.—The prizes will be awarded to the competitor sending in what are judged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the competition, and which must be pasted on back of entry.

4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.

5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.

6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—Entries must be either black and white or color pictures and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.

8.—Mounts should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

9.—No picture to be entered in more than one section.

10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.

11.—Correspondence will be entered into in connection with the competition.

12.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.

14.—All correspondence of the Competition entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.

15.—The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

ENTRY FORM

NAME

SECTION

ADDRESS

Please use block letters and paste one of these forms on back of each entry.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

An order has been issued under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance which applies the provisions of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, with the exception of Part II, III and IV thereof to "Proprietary Medicines" and "Toilet Preparations." The order comes into force at 2 p.m. to-day.

Under this order the present duty on "Toilet Preparations" is extended to a combined duty on "Proprietary Medicines" and "Toilet Preparations." The order must be paid upon all stocks in the Colony in other than bonded storage. Dealers, importers, manufacturers and retailers must declare their stocks of "Proprietary Medicines" forthwith to me at this office and pay duty thereon. Stocks in bonded storage or in the hands of manufacturers will be subject to the provisions of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance and to the regulations made thereunder. The sale of "Proprietary Medicines" upon which duty has not been paid, is illegal as from 2 p.m. to-day.

Duty on "Proprietary Medicines" will be paid by means of duty paid labels following the procedure adopted for "Toilet Preparations."

For the convenience of holders of stocks of "Proprietary Medicines" and the issue of duty paid labels the Imports and Exports Office will be open till 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 20th September, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, the 21st September.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports and
Exports.

Dated 19th September, 1941.

POST OFFICE

The following changes in postage rates will be effective as from 15th September 1941.

Letters Postage each

Macao and China \$0.04

New Zealand by air \$1.85 \$0.90

via Rangoon per 1/2 oz

Europe all countries \$3.50 \$1.80

air mail surcharges per 1/2 oz

by air to U.S.A. and onwards by sea

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

Mr. H. K. West

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended—Yunnan, Szechuan, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kungtung), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD AIR MAIRS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th September ... Sept. 26.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 30th September ... Oct. 7.

OUTWARD AIR MAIRS

Friday, Sept. 19

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Sept. 19, 4 p.m.

Ord. Sept. 19, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

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Reg. Sept. 22, 4 p.m.

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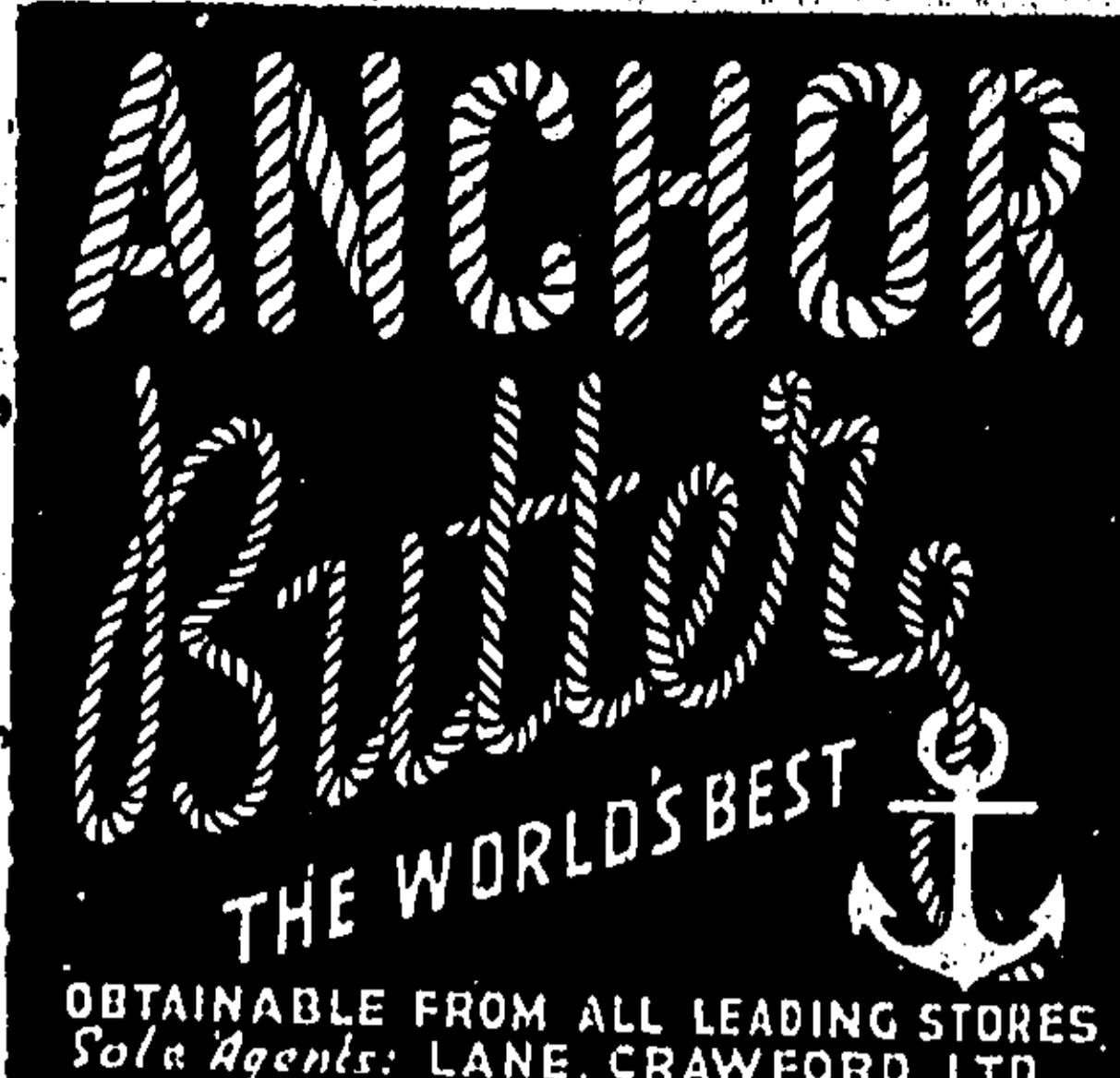
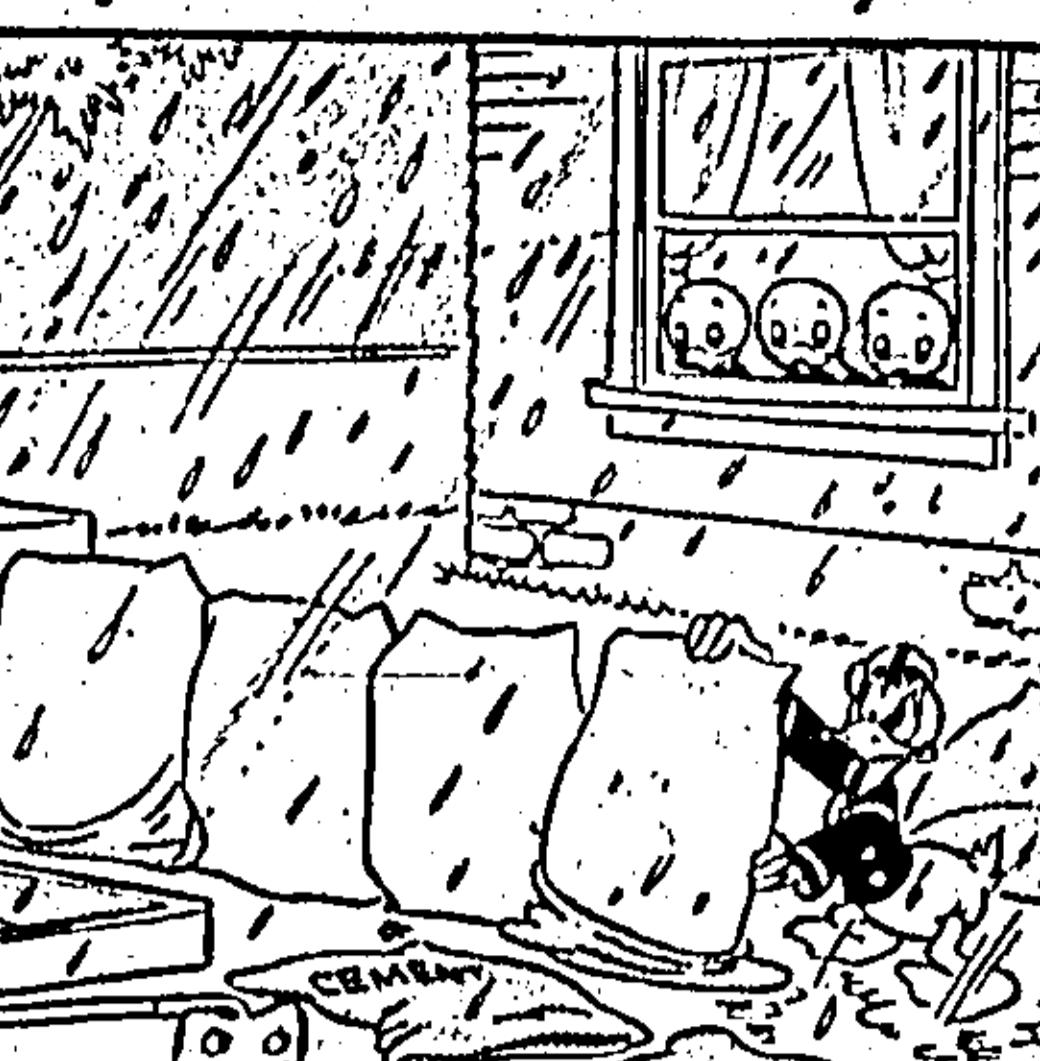
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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Second Hand High!

"Sufficient evidence has been given in this column, I think, to prove that the so-called rule of 'Second-hand-low' is fallacious. Just in case more testimony is needed, I offer the following example:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A J Q 6 5 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ 7
♣ 10 6 5
♠ 8 4 2
♥ 7
♦ A J 8 5 4
♣ 3
♠ K 9 8
♥ 10
♦ A K 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 9
♠ A Q J 4

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass

West made what turned out to be an inspired opening lead, namely, the singleton trump. Usually the lead of a singleton trump is highly disadvantageous in that it is likely to pick up an honour in partner's hand that might otherwise take a trick on a wrong guess by declarer. In this case, however, it paved the ground for an excellent defence. Declarer felt that he could not hope to establish dummy's spade suit with only one sure outside entry, the heart queen, hence determined to try to ruff losing diamonds. He put up dummy's heart and led the singleton diamond.

If East had been a member of the "second-hand-low" school, the contract would have become ironclad. West would have taken the diamond trick, but then could not have returned a heart, and declarer would have been able to ruff two diamonds in dummy and finally concede only

one club and a heart in addition to the diamond.

East, however, was fully aware of his opportunity and, without hesitation, put up the diamond king on dummy's singleton. The reasoning behind this was simple enough. First, it was an odds-on chance that declarer had a five-card heart suit (witness that he had bid four hearts instead of four spades or three notrump) and this meant that West had no more trumps. If declarer had the diamond ace East's king would be worthless. But even if declarer did not have that card, East's king would be made worthless unless it were put to use as an entry. Dummy's holding clearly suggested that successful defence demanded continued trump leads, thus preventing diamond ruffs.

On that correct analysis East based his play of the diamond king. When it held he promptly shifted back to trumps, and from that point declarer had to struggle against insuperable odds. He could ruff one diamond in dummy, but this left him with two losers in the suit, and when the club losses lost and a heart trick had to be conceded, it was all over.

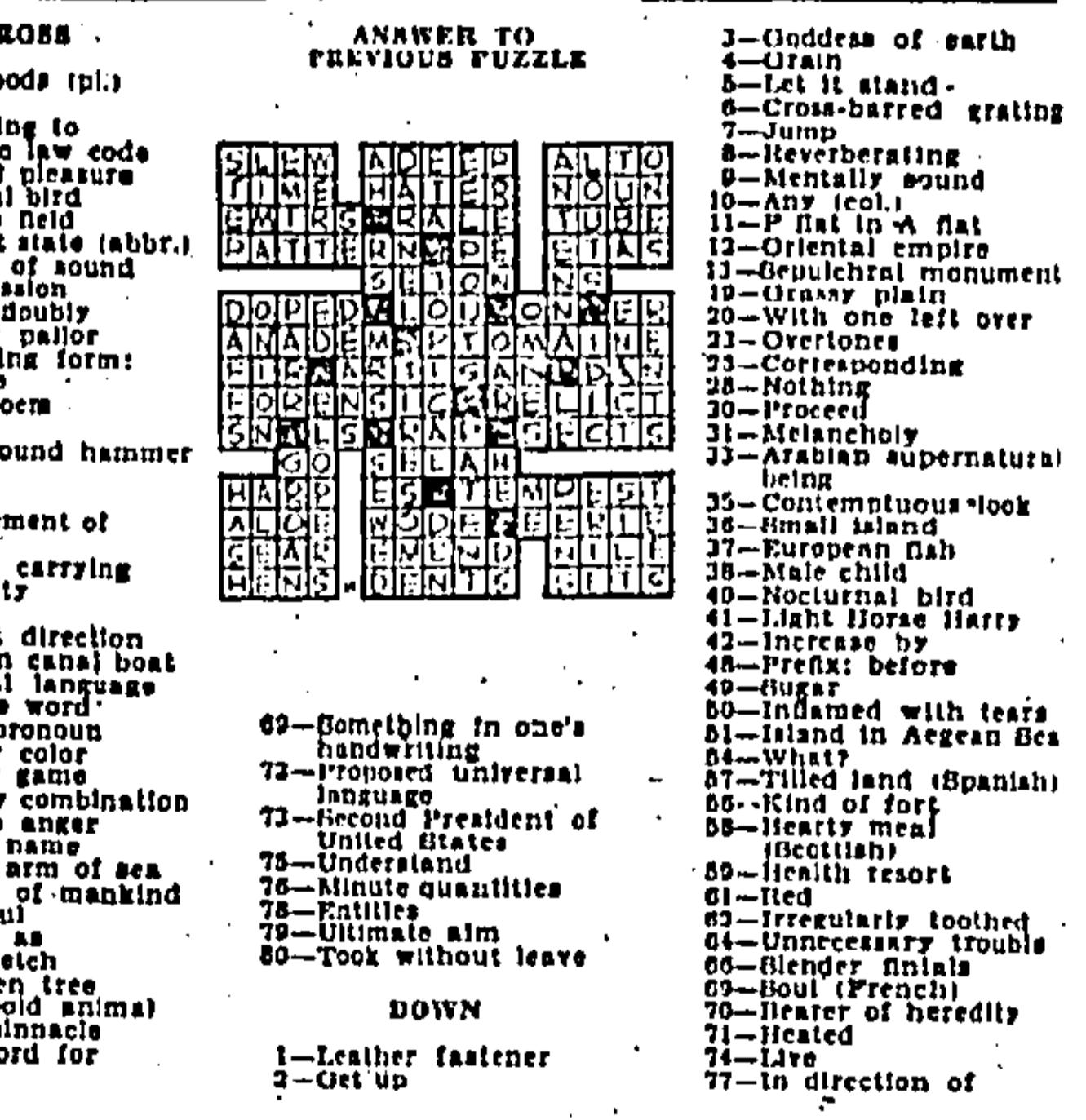
Tomorrow's Hand
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A K 8 4
♥ 7
♦ Q 10 9 2
♣ 7
♠ A K Q J 10 9
♥ 7
♦ A K Q 5

How should this hand be played at a six spade contract? Opening lead, heart king.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS



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COLONY'S ECONOMIC WAR EFFORT

HONGKONG is making an economic war effort, but what it is—outside of paying war taxation and bearing the burden of evacuation—one can only guess and hope. Quite reasonably, those who are in control

of this effort declare that it would be contrary to its interest and effectiveness to reveal many of its features, yet surely there is information of excellent propaganda value which could be made public. Cables are constantly being received in Hongkong and published in the newspapers of the different forms the war effort is taking in countries like India, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Africa. Why then should Hongkong so shyly hide its light under the bushel?

Without giving away information vital to the enemy, the Economic War Effort Committee could release statements about the progress of the work which would serve to stimulate the public imagination and would, almost certainly, quicken their desire to make greater personal contributions towards the war effort. This is something about which the public should be taken into confidence, discreetly, of course, but with a view to securing an active response. Complete silence firstly irritates, then creates apathy, and neither tends to encourage realisation of the Colony's war effort potential.

Additionally there are material signs that the Colony is in real danger of being deprived of its war effort effectiveness through circumstances which should be possible to correct. The fact that a number of Hongkong's industries are being forced to close down because it is impossible to obtain raw materials is an alarming prospect, for they are the type of industries which could and should be converted into manufacturing centres for much needed war goods. Shipping is scarce, but it is difficult to believe that space could not be found for materials which are to be converted into war necessities. An official review of the subject would be welcome.

He asked me to make it clear that he did not wish to do anything to interfere with any action which the British Government might consider it desirable for the British Army to undertake towards the southward. He asked me to say, however, that he fully realised that such through action would finally lead to the separation of the two armies, overwhelm the Belgian Army, the Yser impracticable. He and, in this event, the capitulation of the Belgian Army would be inevitable.

KING LEOPOLD'S LOYAL CO-OPERATION WITH THE ALLIES

History of Events Which Forced Him at Last to Forewarn Them of Surrender

with the British Army if it sired that a withdrawal to the southward was Yser was a physical impossibility not fully appreciated. He lay under the pressure the would like above all other things enemy were exerting. A to co-operate with us but it was withdrawn over roads thronged a physical impossibility under with refugees, without the existing geographical con-quate lighter cover, would be difficult. His Government had costly and would only end in been urging him to leave. Belgian disaster; moreover, it would be before the Belgian Army mean the abandonment of all found it necessary to capitulate their ammunition, stores and Of course, he had no intention food.

On the other hand, his G.H.Q. declared that a British counter-attack on the vulnerable flank of the enemy must be undertaken if a disaster was to be averted, and that the opportunity might only last a few more hours. *

Although King Leopold did not know at that time, and no message to this effect ever reached him, Lord Gort had already received orders to withdraw to the coast and was preparing to do so. Meanwhile the fighting on the Belgian front had been continuous for four days, and the Belgian Army, short of food and ammunition, had withdrawn a tremendous onslaught from eight German divisions, including several armoured units, supported by wave after wave of dive-bombers. Fighting with great gallantry, the Belgians had delivered several counter-attacks, slain some thousands of Germans and taken several hundred prisoners, but they were nearing the end of their resistance.

On the night of May 23, with grave misgivings, King Leopold fell back as desired from his strong position on the Scheldt to a very much weaker one behind the Yser. At the same time he sent the 68th French Division—one of the two French divisions which were in reserve on the Belgian left flank and under his orders—across the Yser in Belgian buses and lorries to Gravelines. The only Allied troops left in Belgium were the 6th French Division.

Gen. Weygand is an old friend of mine and was a loyal colleague on an International Committee on the Dardanelles, told the commanders of the British Army and French Army that the alert and vigorous as ever, but since of the French Army from I felt that he had taken over the southwards was going well,

By Admiral of the Fleet SIR ROGER KEYES, M.P.

As Adm. Sir Roger Keyes was appointed Britain's special liaison officer to King Leopold of the Belgians on May 10, 1940, and remained with him till the night of May 27, the narrative here recorded is of high historical importance. It forms a substantial part of the preface which Sir Roger contributes to a new book ("The Prisoner at Laeken," Cresset Press, 10s. 6d.) by Emile Cammaerts on the King of the Belgians.

On the evening of May 26 a break through the Belgian line by the Germans seemed to be inevitable, and the King moved the remaining French 60th Division in Belgian vehicles to a prepared position across the Yser, which by now was flooded over a wide area and its bridges mined.

On the morning of May 27 King Leopold asked me to tell Lord Gort that he feared a moment was rapidly approaching when he could no longer rely on his troops to fight or be of further use to the British Army. He would be obliged to surrender before a debacle. He fully appreciated that the British Army had done everything in its power to help Belgium, and he asked Lord Gort

to believe that he had done everything in his power to avert this catastrophe. I sent this message by wireless to Lord Gort, as all telephone communications had been cut, but I understand he did not receive it.

At that time King Leopold hoped to be able to hold out for another day, but by the afternoon the German army had driven a wedge between the Belgian and British armies and pierced the line in two or three places. Every road, village and town in the small part of Belgium left in Belgian hands was thronged with hundreds of thousands of refugees, and the troops were being mercilessly bombed by low-flying aircraft.

Knowing that he could do nothing further to help his Allies, King Leopold told me and the British and French Missions at Belgian G.H.Q. that he intended to ask for an armistice at midnight. In order to avoid further slaughter of his sorely tried people, The British Mission informed the War Office by wireless, and the message was received in London at 6.54 p.m., but all efforts to get in touch with our G.H.Q. failed.

King Leopold had been asked by his Government and ours to leave his country and to carry on the war from without but he told me that, as if there was anything I could do to help. He asked me to urge King Leopold to withdraw the Belgian Army towards the Yser.

The question of the Belgian Army retiring to the Yser, if it was forced to fall back from the front, was to be very difficult, but he would use every endeavour to prevent his countrymen from being compelled to associate themselves with any action against the countries which had attempted to help Belgium in her plight. As is now well known King Leopold made no separate peace and is a prisoner of war.

Misfortune has thus overwhelmed his country for a second time in his life, but the Belgians may well be proud of their King, for he has proved himself to be a gallant soldier, a loyal ally and a true son of his splendid parents. (M.L.)



Leopold of the Belgians

THE flood of poisonous I sent a telegram to this I abuse which was effect to the Prime Minister and directed at King Leopold after Lord Gort, and I gave a copy to a very much weaker one behind the Yser. At the same time he sent the 68th French

Army in May, 1940, was, of course, inspired by certain Frenchmen seeking a scapegoat to cover their own failures and shortcomings.

As I was with King Leopold at the headquarters of his army throughout the brief campaign in Belgium, and at the same time in close touch with the headquarters of the British Army and Government, I had unrivalled opportunities for observing the course of events. I am glad to have this opportunity of declaring that King Leopold was steadfast in his loyalty to the Allies and did everything in his power to help their armies.

The King's bearing was always calm and courageous under the heavy blows he and his people suffered through the treachery of Germany, and the failure of the French to prevent the German armoured columns from forcing the Meuse at Sedan, and thus from threatening the right flank of the Allied French-British-Belgian Army to the northward.

King Leopold had placed himself and his Army under the French High Command. In accordance with the orders he received, and conforming with the movements of the French Northern Army and the British Army, the Belgian Army had to retire, day after day until it reached the Scheldt, where it was hoped that a final stand would be made. The Belgian G.H.Q. was established at St Andre, outside Bruges.

On May 20 the French High Command ordered the British and French Armies to prepare to fight to the south-westward to regain contact with the main French Army to the southward. I was at the British G.H.Q. at Wahagnies when these orders were received and it was generally recognised that the abandonment of the Belgian Army was inevitable unless it could conform with this movement.

The King of the Belgians thereupon asked me to inform the British Government and Lord Gort that the Belgian army existed solely for defence and possessed neither tanks nor aircraft, nor the equipment for offensive warfare.

Owing to the influx of refugees, not more than 14 days' food remained in the small part of Belgium left in Belgian ports and Dunkirk by

to him. He did not feel that he had any right to expect the Belgian Government to consider jeopardising, perhaps, the very

existence of the British Army and occupying the Yser-Gravelines line.

He pointed out that the well-prepared frontier line, to be held by the British troops on his right flank, was very strong and was unlikely to be seriously attacked, but that to be held by the Belgian troops was weak and would the Lys, had been considered to be comparative lightly held, and the conference at Ypres on May 21.

At that time King Leopold thus invited attack. He feared that if it were seriously as thought this might be the only

saulted with strong air support alternative line, but the Germans would break through, the whole brunt of which

he fully realised that such through action would finally lead to the separation of the two armies, overwhelm the Belgian Army, the Yser impracticable. He and, in this event, the capitulation of the Belgian Army would be inevitable.

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CHINESE TIMBER DEALERS IN LONG EXAMINATION AT A.R.P. INQUIRY

→ FROM PAGE ONE

Do they also have their address at 33 Queen's Road Central?—They are in the same premises.

Have they anything to do with Pang Shick and Tam?—Nothing whatever.

You are quite sure about that?—Yes. At one time Tai Lee borrowed some of our note-paper so that the heading of the paper used bore our firm's name.

Do you know who are the partners of Tai Lee Lumber Co.?—I am also a partner.

You are?—Then there is some connection on between Pang Shick and Tam and Tai Lee?—There is no connection strictly speaking between these two companies. I myself am also a partner and personally invested some money in Tai Lee.

Names Partners

Who are the other partners?—I cannot tell.

How much money did you put into Tai Lee?—\$2,000.

And you don't know who the partners are?—I am not sure of all. I know some of them.

Let's have those you do know.—Tam Long-ying is one.

Where does he live?—Somewhere in Lockhart Road.

Who are the others?—Kwong Ming-kwong, who lives in Kowloon, and Lau Lai-ping, who used to live in Kowloon too. Those are all I know. I don't know who the others are.

Do you know when the Tai Lee firm was formed?—About December, 1940.

A few months after Pang Shick and Tam had been formed?—There was a long time between. Pang Shick and Tam was formed in 1939.

Let's call it a year afterwards.—A little over a year afterwards.

Why was it formed?—I don't know. They formed the company all of a sudden because they wanted to buy some wood.

They formed this for the purpose of buying timber?—For the purchase of a lot or consignment of wood.

Purchase of Sleepers

Would I be correct in saying it was formed for the purpose of purchasing railway sleepers?—Yes.

Would I also be correct in saying that most of your purchases were made from a man called K. C. Leung?—That I don't know. Since the purchase of the sleepers did not go through my hands, I cannot say.

Who is the Manager of Tai Lee?—Kwong Ming-kwong.

Where does he live?—As I have said, he lives in Kowloon.

He is one of the partners?—Yes.

Is he any relation to you?—No.

Let's get back to Pang Shick and Tam. You told us just now that you never bought wood?—Yes.

Do you still say that?—We never bought any wood.

Denies Sales To Marsman's

Have you sold timber to Marsman's?—Pang Shick and Tam, never did.

Pang Shick and Tam never sold timber to Marsman's?—Never.

Why did Marsman's say you have?—We never have sold wood to Marsman's. Perhaps it can be explained. When the Tai Lee Lumber Company was formed, the junks made use of our letter-paper which bore our name.

But Marsman's have produced vouchers bearing the name of Pang Shick and Tam for payment of thousands of dollars.—Perhaps that is so. I don't understand it.

Manager Pleads Ignorance

But you ought to know, being the Manager and one of the partners of this firm?—Since I have not given the receipts myself, I don't know.

Are you seriously telling the Commission that as Manager you don't know whether your firm has received thousands of dollars from Marsman's for the sale of timber?—Perhaps, the transaction was put through by Tam Long-ying, a colleague.

Have you ever looked at the books kept by Pang Shick and Tam?—Yes, now and then.

Have you ever seen entries in these books about money received from Marsman's for the sale of sleepers?—I have never seen such entries.

Borrowed Bill Paper

So you are denying specifically that Pang Shick and Tam had ever sold sleepers or timber to Marsman's?—I say definitely that not a single piece of wood had ever been sold to Marsman's. Tai Lee merely borrowed the use of our bill paper.

Were you a partner in Tai Lee?—Yes.

Have you ever received any dividends from the Tai Lee Lumber Co.?—Yes, I received payment in full of everything.

Of what? Your \$2,000?—Tai Lee was in existence for only three months and at the end of that period all the money belonging to it was divided up.

What profit did you make on your \$2,000?—A little over \$300.

Have Pang Shick and Tam ever sold wood or timber to Klin Lee and Co.?—Never.

According to the books of Klin Lee, they say that Pang Shick and Tam had sold them timber to the value of \$2,434.—We have never sold timber to them. It may be that Tai Lee borrowed our bill paper as in the case of Marsman's.

Tai Lee borrowed the bill paper of your firm?—Yes.

And then put your firm's chop on the bill?—That may be so. Inquiries must be made from the folks.

You'd better made these inquiries because we want to know more about that.—Yes.

Never Received Cheque

Who would be the man to receive a cheque from Marsman's if any, made out in the name of Pang Shick and Tam?—I don't know.

But you must know something about the business, being the manager.—I myself never received any.

Who would be the man to receive a cheque from Marsman's?—It may be Tam.

Do you work in the office as Manager?—Not always.

Who is in charge of the office then?

The man in charge of the office and who stays there most of the time is the accountant.

Would he receive the cheque from Marsman's if one were sent to the office?—If there were any cheques made payable to Pang Shick and Tam, the persons who would receive them would be Tam Long-ying or Kwong Ming-kwong. They would not be handed over to the accountant.

Bank Account

Has your firm got a bank account?—Yes, with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

And therefore if any cheque were given you by Marsman's it would be paid into the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank?—We have never received any cheque from Marsman's.

Have you received any cheques from Klin Lee?—No.

Do you know the Kwong Hip Shing firm?—Never heard of it.

Do you know the Tai Lee Chan?—No.

They are both supposed to be timber merchants.—I have never heard of them.

They were both formed round about the same time as the Tai Lee Lumber Co.—I don't know.

And they were both formed for the purpose of purchasing railway sleepers.—I don't know.

Do you know the National Finance Development Corporation?—I have never heard of it.

Don't Know

Do you know the Kin Wah Co.?—No.

These two companies were formed some time ago.—I don't know.

And Marsman's purchased a lot of timber from the National Finance Development Corporation?—I don't know anything about it.

The sales were made through K. C. Leung.—I know nothing about them.

He is the manager of this Kin Wah Co.—I don't know.

Has Pang Shick and Tam sold timber to anybody at all?—No.

Why did you form the Company then?—We are building contractors. You never had any dealings in timber?—We would buy wood for our own use but never sleepers.

Government Work

Have you undertaken any contracts for A.R.P. Work?—No.

Any Government contracts?—Yes.

Work in connection with roads and waterworks?—No.

Do you know anybody by the name of K. C. Leung?—No.

Witness was then told by the Chairman to produce the books of Pang Shick and Tam showing the sale of materials during December, 1940, and in particular full details of the sale of 5,000 sleepers to Marsman's on December 24, 1940 at \$3.35 per sleeper.

I also want information from you of the payment, in December, 1940, of Pang Shick and Tam of the sum of \$3,434 by Klin Lee.

Do you know Kwong Wing of Klin Lee Company?—No.

You have never seen him in your life?—Never.

Kwong Wing gave evidence before the Commission about his dealings with Pang Shick and Tam and the Tai Lee Lumber Company?—Yes.

Incorrect Statement

And he told the Commission, after a few questions put to him, that he agreed with me that these two firms were one and the same company.

I say that he has no knowledge whatsoever about these firms.

His statement, then, is not correct?

It is not correct.

According to what you have told us, four of the partners of Pang Shick and Tam are also partners of Tal Lee?—Yes.

Do you still say they are not the same firm?—Yes, I say that they are not the same.

I would not be correct in saying these two firms were formed solely for the purpose of cornering the market of sleepers and then selling them to Marsman's and Klin Lee at an enhanced price?—That is not true.

Nor am I correct in saying that these two firms were told in advance by someone in the A.R.P. Department to buy sleepers and resell them to Government at a profit?—That is not so.

Pang Shick was then told to stand down, and Kwong Ming-kwong was called before the Commission.

Railway Sleeper Dealer

The Chairman: What are you?—At present I am doing nothing at all.

What were you in November, 1940?—I was dealing in railway sleepers.

Yes, but in what firm?—The Tai Lee Lumber Company.

What were you in that firm?—Manager.

Were you a partner in the firm?—Yes.

How much money did you put into it?—\$5,000.

And four of your partners are partners in Pang Shick and Tam. Is that right?—Yes.

Are you a partner in Pang Shick and Tam?—Yes.

Formed At Short Notice

Can you tell us how your company of Tai Lee came to be formed? Who suggested it?—We formed the company for the time being, at short notice.

Has Pang Shick and Tam Company got any other Chinese name?—They are known as the Tai Lee Kin Chuk, Kung Ching, or the Tai Lee Building Contractors.

Is that the same as Tai Lee Lumber Company?—They are under different names.

How do you mean, under different names?—The Tai Lee Building Contractors had contracts with Government to do Government work, and when there was a chance to deal in railway sleepers, this company deal got started.

It was considered that dealing in railway sleepers would be profitable, so we invited partners to form this business to deal solely in railway sleepers. The firm for the purchase of sleepers was formed by several partners of the Tai Lee

Building Contractors and also two new partners.

Intimate Connection

So there is a very intimate connection between Pang Shick and Tam and the Tai Lee Lumber Co.?—There is no connection at all with regard to capital or profits.

What is the connection?—Individuals.

Put it this way. There is a very intimate connection between four of the partners of Pang Shick and Tam and the Tai Lee Lumber Company?—Yes.

You say that you formed the company at very short notice for the sole purpose of buying railway sleepers?—Yes.

Who was the brainy man who suggested the formation of this company?—I and Tam Long-ying started it.

How did you come to think of the idea?—Since railway sleepers were cheap at that time, I was thinking of buying it for use as fuel.

You say they were cheap at that time?—Yes.

What month was that?—November, 1940.

You formed the company for the purpose of buying railway sleepers for making into firewood?—Is that correct?—Yes.

Wanted Partners

What did you next do with regard to the purchase of sleepers?—At that time, Pang Shick and Tam had no available capital to deal in this new enterprise so I, on my own idea, wanted new partners to form a company to buy firewood.

You have told us that. What we want to know is what next did you do with regard to the purchase of railway sleepers?—We purchased these from K. C. Leung Kwai-chung.

You approached him yourself?—Tam Long-ying approached him.

Was K. C. Leung of that time connected with the National Finance Development Corporation?—Yes.

Was he also connected with the Kin Wah Company?—That I don't know.

What arrangement were made with K. C. Leung?—The terms were that complete delivery of the wood was to be taken within three months.

How much per sleeper?—\$1.00 per sleeper.

That you say was in November, 1940?—Yes.

Profit Of \$2,000

On November 10, according to Mr. Carman, you sold Marsman's 2,000 of these sleepers at \$2.00 each?—Correct.

Did you make a profit of \$1.00 each?—Yes.

So you made a clear profit of \$1.45 per sleeper?—Yes. A profit of over \$7,000 in all.

Did you sell your sleepers to anybody else?—I sold some to Kin Lee and some to firewood dealers.

Did you sell all the sleepers to K. C. Leung?—Yes.

Did you sell your sleepers to K. C. Leung?—Yes.

Did you sell your sleepers to Pang Shick?—Yes.

Did you sell your sleepers to Tam Long-ying?—Yes.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Macao Racing Resumes With Sunday's September Meeting

Special Sweep On Governor's Cup: First Prize Over \$10,000

Portuguese Jockeys In Making

AFTER AN ELAPSE of a few months the Macao Jockey Club will resume racing on Sunday and very satisfactory entries have been received for their September meeting at Areia Prota.

The most important event on the programme of six races is the Governor's Cup presented by the Macao Governor and the cup is to be won twice in succession by a "D" class China pony or ponies, the bona fide property of the same owner or owners.

It is interesting to recall that the last Governor's Cup (donated by the late Dr A. T. de Sousa Barbosa) won outright was captured by Meadow Eve belonging to Mr Liang Hau-yuen, the Chinese senator of the Macao Legislative Council.

However, the new trophy, kindly presented by His Excellency Commander G. M. Teixeira, has attracted no less than 14 nominations and it may please the Macao Governor to know that a good field will face the start.

Though class does not predominate among the entry, we have a few top notchers and the event has a double attraction owing to a special dollar cash sweep being conducted.

It is learned that the sale is now approaching the 25,000 mark and this should give the lucky drawer of the first pony a prize of over \$10,000.

Coming Jockey

ALL sportsmen know that J. Nolasco da Silva is a fine hockey player, but one would hardly believe that in a little over a year the Macao interpreter has piloted six ponies to victory.

As a result of his fine achievements in the saddle, a few Portuguese youths have decided to train him and it is reliably learned that half a dozen novices residing in Macao will be seen in action on Sunday.

It is to be hoped that the Portuguese Colony will soon be able to provide their own jockeys and I see no reason for the failure.

Curtain Raiser

Wan Chai Handicap

THE curtain raiser will be the Wan Chai Handicap for "Y" class China ponies and it is a scramble over half a mile to be ridden by novices.

Looking over the list of handicaps, Fairy Auk appears to have a sporting chance of crossing the wire first, but it should be remembered that the grey in the Chairman's Cup ran out after passing the burrake confined to African soldiers. This pony may do it again with a "greenhorn" jockey. Fairy Ousey would have been my money if the handicapper had not given the limit load. Meadow Eve is nicely weighted and he has certainly my vote. The most dangerous is Victory Life.

Hark Sha Wan H'cap (2nd Section)

Interesting Novice Event

THE Hark Sha Wan Handicap (second section) for "E" class China ponies is another interesting novice event over

Selections

My selections are as follows:

Wan Chai Handicap
Meadow Eve
Fairy Ousey
Fairy Auk

Hark Sha Wan Handicap (Second Section)

Black Diamond
National Anthem
Hopeful Time

Perth Handicap

Buckfastleigh
Rising Star
Tarzan

Adelaide Handicap

National Victory
Tobaccoship
Maple Star

Governor's Cup

Rose-Queen

Eve of Hunting

Royal Wedding Eve

Hark Sha Wan Handicap (First Section)

Desert Star

Radium Star

Piet Helm

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NANCY



New Shah Will Restore Father's Wealth To Iran

TEHERAN, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The new Shah has decided to restore to the nation his father's property which includes much wealth according to newspaper reports published to-day.

The reports add that the new Shah conveyed this decision to his Ministers immediately after taking the oath.

Anglo-Soviet Troops

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Following a conference of Anglo-Russian commanders, British and Russian staff officers have entered Teheran to arrange for billeting.

The British advance came from the south and the Russian from the east and west. Those coming from the east travelled by train to within five miles of Teheran, from where they marched into the city. Most of them were armed with automatic rifles. Others drew heavy machine-guns mounted on small wheels. They have now encamped in an Iranian machine-gun factory.

Major Baseball

Pittsburgh Pirates Nose Out Dodgers

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers received a set-back to-day at the hands of Pittsburgh Pirates in the National Baseball League, being nosed out 6-5. Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	R.	H.	E.
Battley—Fitzsimmons, French, Hamlin, Casey, Owen	3	2	2
Pittsburgh—Lanning, Bewell; Lopez	0	10	1
Philadelphia—Hughes, Grissom; Livingston, Cincinnati—Star, Lombard	8	2	2
Battery—Star, Lombard	5	9	2

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday	OLD COURSE
9.10	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
9.20	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Howland.
9.24	B. O. Baldwin, H. S. Church.
9.28	B. N. Goss, B. M. Thompson.
9.29	G. T. Lovry, R. G. Gaither.
9.30	Capt. Thurby, G. G. Attkinhead.
10.10	A. C. Jensen, Capt. Barclay.
10.12	C. W. E. Bishop, G. M. Park.
10.16	D. S. Robb, A. E. Lissmann.

Relief For Poles Kept In Russia

BOMBAY, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—A Polish relief expedition is going to Russia shortly in order to bring relief to thousands of Poles who, as a result of the war, found themselves in Russian territories mostly in Siberia, Turkestan and Kazakhstan.

The Mission is being organised by the Polish Consul-General under the orders of the Polish Government in London.

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Don't Worry About Evacuation

Americans Remaining In Free China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (UP).—While the question of evacuating Americans from various parts of the Far East has become one of increasing gravity, between eight and nine hundred Americans are continuing to live and work in much-bombed Free China with little thought or worry about evacuating.

In fact, the number of Americans in Free China is believed to be slightly increasing as missionaries are arriving from occupied areas while an increasing number of American technicians and advisers and Americans of other categories are coming to assist China's war effort.

Exact Figures Unknown

The exact number of Americans residing in Free China is unknown, but as of January 1 this year, there were 840 Americans registered as residing in the Kunming consular district, which embraces most of Free China.

Of this number 620 were adults. Approximately 520 were missionaries, 200 employees of the United States government, 20 were employees of various Chinese government organisations, 12 were business men and 10 were newspaper men.

The total does not include the personnel of the gunboat U.S.S. Tutuila—three officers and about 10 men. These figures did not include a number of Americans visiting China from time to time, who do not register with the consulate.

By the end of this year the total number of Americans in Free China will probably increase to the neighbourhood of 1,000, with the expected arrival of an American Medical commission for the Yunnan-Burma railroad, a group of American volunteer pilots, mechanics and ground crew men, and transportation experts and technicians for the Burma road.

Main Gateways

The main artery through which Americans leave and enter China is the China National Aviation Corporation's unique Hongkong-Chungking airline. Planes on this route fly preferably in dull overcast weather and cross Japanese lines at night. They have no beacons or other ordinary aviation aids, but have few possible emergency landing fields.

The secondary gateway is through Burma, either through the Chungking-Hanwei airline or the Burma road. This gateway may be supplemented later by an airline through northern Burma to India.

There is possible entrance and exit by way of Sinkiang and the U.S.S.R.

This route may either be by plane or road, but thus far it had only been used by a handful of newspaper men

and embassy officials.

Unofficial entrances into Free China through Japanese or Chinese front-lines have been found by a number of Americans from coastal cities and other parts of occupied China. This number, however, is very small. So far as could be determined, no Americans had left Free China by passing through these front-lines.

Despite the fact China's cities, particularly Chungking, have been bombed for years, there have been practically no casualties among Americans, and they live and carry on their work with great confidence and little or no fear of the future.

Americans here feel that even if we should break out in the Pacific, Free China would continue to be a safe place for Americans to live and work in. This is shown by the recruitment of Americans working in Free China over the State Department's ruling prohibiting their wives from coming to China. A large percentage of Americans living in Free China would send for their wives if there were no ban.

Philippine Publisher Leaving For Yunnan

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Central News).—Dr Carlos P. Romulo, publisher and editor-in-chief of the D. M. H. M. chain of newspapers in the Philippines, who arrived here from Hongkong on September 13 on a fact-finding visit, left for Kunming this morning by air.

After a brief stop-over in Kunming, he will continue his journey by air to Burma and the South Seas regions. Dr. Romulo interviewed Government leaders and was entertained at dinner by General Wu Te-chun, Secretary-General of the Central Party Headquarters.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/27%
Demand London	1/23%
T.T. Shanghai	40%
T.T. Singapore	52%
T.T. Japan	102%
T.T. India	32%
T.T. U.S.A.	24%
T.T. Manila	49%
T.T. Batavia	49%
T.T. Bangkok	48%
T.T. Saigon	108%
T.T. France	107%
T.T. Switzerland	1/63%

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/31%
4 m/s D/P London	1/38%
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25%
4 m/s France	30%
30 d/s India	84%
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02%
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.

Chief Rabbi's Message To World Jewry

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—"Only a triumphant victory of Britain and her Allies will finally exercise the demoniac terror which hangs over Continental populations," said the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. H. Hertz, in a Rosh Hashanah or New Year message to World Jewry commemorating the opening of the New Year, 5702.

Amid all the horror and agony of the present, the faithful Jew heard the call of his solemn festivals. "Return ye children of men to your Father, who is in heaven."

He stated that the sacred summons to re-dedication to eternal values would be heeded by all Israel. He said that to the Israelites in free countries such re-dedication would include, alongside of the utmost national service and sacrifice, participation in human salvaging rendered necessary by war as well as tireless effort to ensure the rearing of their men and women of to-morrow "to do justly with mercy and walk humbly with God."

LETTERS

Elephant Tails

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—I read with interest your paragraph referring to an advertisement in the "Daily Telegraph" by a Mr. Tarrant, anxious to buy elephant tails. I presume tails of the tails is meant. I am surprised at one bearing that name should lack initiative. Knowing the East and Far East rather well, and particularly vendors of charms and trinkets, I profess a knowledge of some tricks of the trade, including the manufacture of elephant hair rings, bracelets, etc. Therefore I advance the following advice to the advertiser referred to.

Procure as much old horse hair as will fit the need. Interview the elephant keeper at the London Zoo (St. John's Wood is not far off) and obtain his permission to scrub down the elephants daily with the horse hair and some black oil. It will impart a fine gloss to the skin and the elephants will like it. In the scrubbing particular attention should be given to the caudal appendage and vicinity. The horse hair will thus absorb so much elephantic elixir and odour as to constitute a veritable synthetic substitute—or ersatz—of the real thing. In war time, no qualms of conscience need be feared. (Possibly assumed).

It is well to cater for and satisfy innocent superstition, and in so doing thereby it is suggested that War efforts might benefit by a percentage. Offered gratuitously, and without prejudice.

J. A. (Of That ilk).

P. S. In the manufacture of the trinkets a very minute piece of elephant hair could be introduced with the horse hair, to justify the name and render the charm effective.

FAKIR OF IPI

SIMLA, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The Fakir of Ipi is rumoured to have advised his associates not to interfere with passenger lorries and to refrain from kidnapping Hindus living in Muslim territories.

The Fakir's anxiety to spare passenger lorries is ascribed to resentment among some supporters at the robbing of Muslim passengers.

Indian Hostels

BOMBAY, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The Government of Bombay have approved the construction of five hostels for children of Indian soldiers, each with accommodation for 40 boys, at a total cost of about £3,800.

It is also noteworthy that the Mulden Incident marked the beginning of a series of aggression in different parts of the world. As we Chinese observe this solemn occasion, we trust that the Powers will increase their assistance to help China defeat this violator of world peace.

Coxswain Summoned

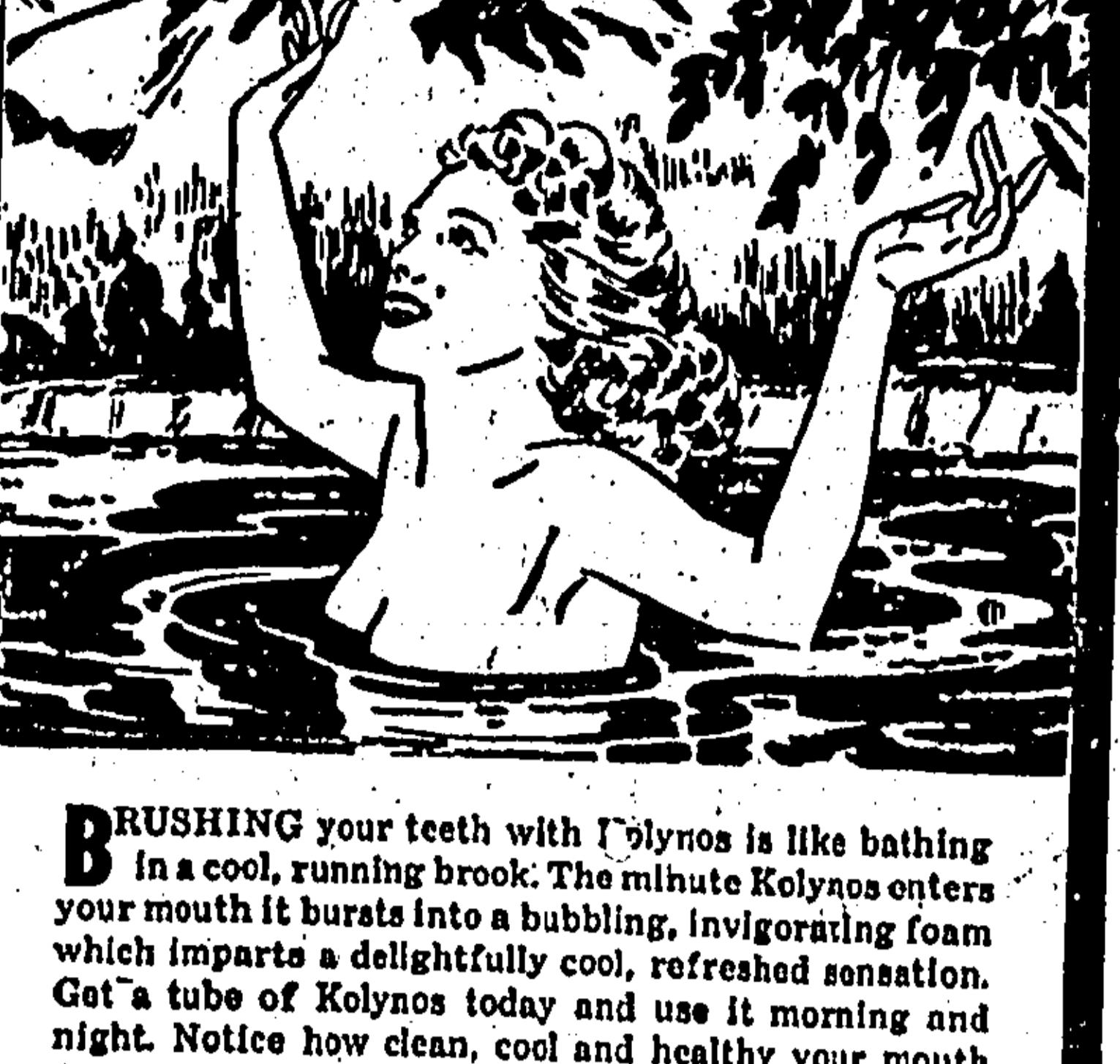
At the Marine Court this morning, Comdr. J. Jolly adjourned a case to 10.30 a.m. on September 26 owing to the absence of the defendant, Cheng Kam-shiu, coxswain of the steam launch Lee Ying.

Cheng was summoned for unlawfully disobeying lawful orders of the Harbour Master by towing more than one junk through the southern entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter on September 4. It is alleged that Cheung was towing two junks of over 1,600 piculs capacity.

Italians Recaptured

RANCHI, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—Eight Italian prisoners of war, who escaped recently, were surprised and arrested by a party of police as they were preparing to camp for the night in a village six miles from here.

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Border Fighting Revealed

FROM PAGE ONE

numbers at Tientsin to work on the construction of fortifications in Manchukuo. He said they were receiving less than one yuan (about five cents) a day.

The Japanese were reported to have staged a sham street fight—a sure way of collecting Chinese watchers—and then the Chinese were "shanghaied" and taken north. The traveller said the Japanese were carrying on an anti-espionage campaign in north China similar to the one taking place at the present time in Japan.

He said that at Mukden station porters were warned periodically not to answer questions, the luggage of all travellers is carefully examined and an native caught listening to a radio is shot. Foreigners caught listening to radio broadcasts are subject to immediate deportation.

Life Made Difficult

The traveller said life for foreigners and Chinese alike is most difficult in Manchukuo. Foreign goods are no longer available, while coal is strictly rationed for foreigners.

The Chinese are subject to complete rationing, even to salt, while millet is rationed on one catty and two ounces daily per person.

Clothing also is rationed but the prices fixed by the government are extremely low. The traveller said young men up to 20 years old are not permitted to wear stockings more than six months a year, while no more than one pair of shoes or slippers are permitted every three months.

The recent arrival from Manchukuo said he visited one small city where only two Chinese were permitted to eat rice and the others were limited to millet. One of the privileged Chinese was president of the chamber of commerce.

He said there was no famine at the present time and the harvest this year was excellent. However, much of the foodstuffs are expected to be exported to Japan.

Japanese Requests

Although Spokesman Solomon Lozovsky of the Soviet Information Bureau vehemently denied the "United Press" report from Shanghai that Japanese had made requests to Soviet Russia to consider the possibility of demilitarising Vladivostok and the maritime provinces, diplomats here understand the Japanese not only made the requests but recently increased their pressure on Moscow for a reply. The Japanese are said to have promised in return to fully respect the Russo-Japanese neutrality treaty.

The Japanese requests also included a guarantee that no Soviet bases would be ceded to the United States and a grant of further economic concessions in North Saghalien.

Foreign diplomats pointed out that the Russians just a few days before the outbreak of the Russo-German war denied there were any difficulties with Berlin and they said the Soviets obviously would not admit the Japanese had made such demands while negotiations were still in progress.

The tenor of press remarks in Tokyo, plus statements by Spokesman Koh Ishii of the information board regarding aid to Russia by the United States, have indicated the importance Japan attaches to relations with Soviet Russia.

Precautionary Moves

All observers still agree the Japanese moves in Manchukuo at the present time are precautionary. They believe the Japanese are preparing to move only if action is made necessary by developments in Europe or if Russia is drawn too closely into the British, American, Dutch and Chinese "encirclement" of Japan.

Informed sources, who recently had contact with Tokyo authorities, believe the Japanese are hopeful there will be no need of taking military moves against Russia. They say the Japanese believe they may be able to get all they want in the form of demilitarization and further economic concession through negotiations and the threat to use force, especially if the Soviets find their war against Germany growing increasingly difficult.

These informed sources said the Japanese basic policy is still southward—through Thailand. They said the Japanese believe that once they are in Thailand they will be in a position to press the United States and Great Britain for economic concessions involving the Netherlands East Indies.

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